

THE MARINE AND FRESH-WATER SPONGES OF CALIFORNIA

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INTRODUCTION

The sponges of the western coast of the United States have been very little studied, although they exist in profusion and comprise a large variety of interesting forms. One hundred and one species are discussed in the following pages, and six of these (*Polymastia pachymastia*, *Hymeniacidon ungodon*, *Zygherpe hyaloderma*, *Plocamia igzo*, *Halichoelona gellindra*, and *Spongia idia*) are described for the first time. In addition, three genera and five varieties are described as new. In order to render this paper of use to those who are not specialists as well as to specialists, all species that I have been able to find in California are described, whether they be new or old. Briefer reference is made to those forms that are to be found only in the literature on the subject.

California's length of more than 1,400 kilometers exceeds the distance from New York to Florida and that from Denmark to the Mediterranean, and depths of more than 1,500 meters are reached within 20 to 60 kilometers offshore. A great variety of species of sponges is to be expected within such limits. In addition to those treated herein, many species are to be looked for in the deeper waters offshore, as well as other shallow-water forms from the northern part of the State. Most of the present marine biological investigation, however, is being carried on off the central and southern coasts, and it is believed that the species of those waters are herein rather thoroughly covered.

I have personally searched the intertidal areas rather carefully, have had much dredged material representing the central-California region presented to me by E. F. Ricketts, and have studied the extensive collection dredged off southern California during the years 1909 to 1927 by the University of Southern California. (See Figure 1 for map of localities mentioned in this report.)

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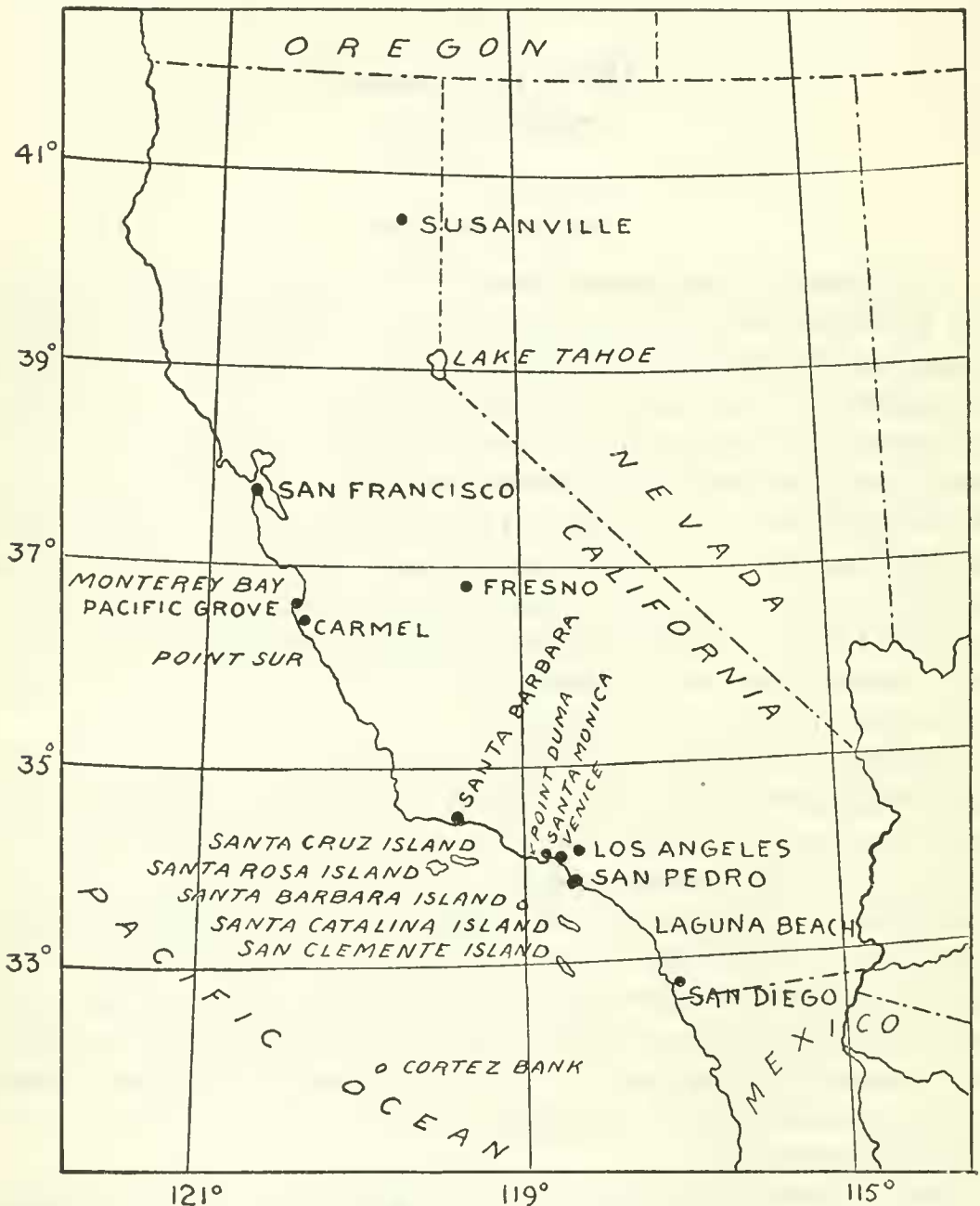


FIGURE 1.—Sketch map showing California localities mentioned in text of this report

So far as possible, representative and type specimens or a portion of these have been deposited in the United States National Museum in Washington (U.S.N.M.) and in the British Museum (Natural History) in London (B. M.), and, unless otherwise indicated, the descriptions given are based on the material so referred to. Under the headings "Type locality" and "Material examined" will be found notes upon the occurrence and habit of the species.

All drawings were made with the aid of a camera lucida unless otherwise indicated.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Very little has been published on sponges in or from California. Search of the literature yields 10 references, as follows:

The first is by E. Haeckel, 1872, *Die Kalkschwämme*. In volume 2 of this monograph of the calcareous sponges of the world, as taken up more fully in the descriptive portion of this paper, he described *Ascilla* (now *Leucosolenia*) *convallaria* (p. 45), *Sycandra* (now *Sycon*) *coronata* (p. 305), and *Leucetta* (now *Leuconia*) *sagittata* (p. 125) merely as from California, "Brown." These species can not now be located in this State.

Fifteen years later E. Potts, 1887, in his monograph on Fresh-water Sponges, described *Meyenia* (now *Ephydatia*) *robusta* (p. 225) from Honey Lake Valley, near Susanville in northeastern California. This species has been found again only once, this time by Annandale (1907, p. 24), who recorded it from Bhim Tal, in the mountains of northern India, at 1,350 meters, almost the same altitude as that of the California specimen.

Lendenfeld (1889, p. 258) named *Euspongia hospes* from Africa and California (which may be Lower California, Mexico). The species is not recognizably described, being characterized merely as growing inside of mollusk shells, taxonomically a relatively insignificant description.

The fourth reference is by L. Lambe, 1894, *Sponges from the Western Coast of North America*. He reported (p. 124) finding a sponge, which he called *Plocamia manaarensis* (Carter), from California. He did not know the locality within the State, and his identification was incorrect, as explained later in this paper.

The next reference to California sponges is by F. E. Schulze, who in 1899 published his *Amerikanische Hexactinelliden nach dem Materiale der Albatross-Expedition*, in which he described 14 species from California, as discussed hereafter. He cited as from California, however, four additional species from other localities, as shown by the data, including the latitude and longitude, of the *Albatross* stations involved. Two are from the State of Washington: *Acanthosaccus tenuis* (p. 66) and *Farrea aculeata* (p. 69); and two are from Lower California, Mexico: *Farrea ocea* (p. 68) and *Bathyxiphus subtilis* (p. 82).

Then there were published two articles by F. Urban. In 1902 in the *Zeitschrift für Wissenschaftliche Zoologie*, he described *Rhabdodermella nuttingi*, which had been sent him by the late Prof. C. C. Nutting, of the University of Iowa; and in 1905 in the *Archiv für Naturgeschichte*, he described *Leucosolenia eleanor* (p. 36),

Sycandra (now *Sycon*) *coacta* (p. 55), *Leucandra* (now *Leuconia*) *heathi* (p. 59), *Leucandra* (now *Leuconia*) *apicalis* (p. 67). These were sent him from Monterey Bay by Prof. Harold Heath, of Stanford University.

Lendenfeld, in his large monograph on The Geodidae, described in 1910 the following from California: *Sidonops angulata* (p. 24), *S. bicolor* (p. 46), *Geodia mesotriaena* (p. 96), *G. agassizii* (p. 113), *G. mesotriaenella* (p. 151), *G. breviana* (p. 155), *G. ovis* (p. 161), and *Geodinella robusta* (p. 205). Many of these, because of the unjustifiably fine distinctions drawn, have proved to be identical and must hence be regarded as synonyms.

Finally, in 1926, I described three species: *Gellius textapatina*, *Esperella fisheri*, and *Suberites gadus*; and in 1927 three more: *Aarnus erithacus*, *Plocamia karykina*, and *Plocamia* (better *Iso-ciona*) *lithophoenix*; with a redescription of *Desmacella* (better *Ophlitaspongia*) *pennata* Lambe, 1894. So far as I am able to ascertain, this is a complete list of references to sponges from California. Reference is made to the Bibliography, page 128, for complete citations to the papers mentioned.

PREPARATION OF ALCOHOLIC MATERIAL FOR STUDY

Identification of sponges depends upon microscopic characteristics, for it is utterly impossible to rely upon macroscopic features alone. This need not unduly discourage attempts to identify species, as it is possible to prepare a sponge for examination in about 10 minutes, especially if the material has already been hardened in alcohol.

Take a small portion (less than 1 cubic centimeter) that includes some of the outer surface of the sponge, and place it on a clean slide. With a sharp razor (a safety-razor blade will do), section the material, if possible, both perpendicularly to the surface and tangentially. In a surprisingly large number of cases, this will be found to be possible; however, if only fragments can be obtained, they can still serve. The sections or fragments should be less than 0.5 mm, but may be nearly that thick to good advantage. Flood the material with a few drops of absolute alcohol, dry with paper towel or blotting paper, and repeat from one to three times as necessary to dehydrate. Add a few drops of carbol xylene and again blot dry to complete the dehydration thoroughly. Add a few drops of xylene to complete the clearing and, without drying more than slightly, add some very stiff balsam and cover slip. A little stain, such as basic fuchsin, may be added to the alcohol to advantage. Comparison of slides thus made with illustrations as given herein should make identification possible in most instances.

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION

Students of sponges do not agree as to methods for classifying them. One of the most recent and best of myriad systems is that of Topsent (1928), which roughly is the source of the arrangement herein employed. For the phylum Porifera Topsent employs 11 orders without diagnosing them. The following represents an attempt to describe these orders (except one that has been dropped) in a manner convenient for students who have not specialized at all in the systematics of sponges, although for proper taxonomy such descriptions are unsuitable:

1. **Calcarea:** Sponges with calcareous skeletons; this may be tested with acid, as calcium carbonate dissolves in most of the common acids, but silica only in hydrofluoric acid. The normal inorganic skeletal material in the other orders is siliceous.

2. **Hexactinellida:** Sponges whose principal spicules have five or six rays diverging from a central point. Such spicules may occur as small or auxiliary spicules in the other orders, but not as chief spicules.

3. **Myxospongida:** Sponges with no skeleton whatever, neither fiber nor spicule; sometimes called "slime sponges." It is not known whether they are primitive or degenerate, but probably they are the latter. They may possibly be derived from more than one of the other orders.

4. **Choristida:** Sponges typically with tetraxons among their principal spicules, often having a conspicuously radiate structure and a cartilaginous rind, or ectosome.

5. **Hadromerina:** Sponges often with pin-shaped spicules (tylostyles), asters as microscleres, corticate ectosome, and radiate structure. Almost any sponge lacking tetraxon spicules and having any two of these features should be put in this order.

6. **Halichondrina:** This order is very difficult to describe to the nonspecialist. In general, there is very confused arrangement of spicules, together with simplicity of spiculation. Very few members of this group have any microscleres, and, if any, they are few and simple.

7. **Poecilosclerina:** Almost all the sponges that have any one of the following characteristics belong here: (*a*) Larger spicules spiny; (*b*) chelas as microscleres; (*c*) fibers containing monactinal spicules. If there is any possibility that the sponge for which identification is sought belongs in this order, try that assumption hopefully, as many more sponge species are assigned to this order than to any other.

8. **Haplosclerina:** Sponges with only diactinal chief spicules and with only very simple microscleres, if any; they are usually markedly

reticulate in plan. It will be observed that this order, by definition, approaches close to some members, at least, of both the two preceding orders. The fresh-water sponges might be placed here or in the preceding group as a unit. Topsent does not discuss them in his 1928 article proposing the classification here considered.

9. **Dictyoceratina:** Sponges with no proper spicules (some from other sponges may become included as the sponge grows) but with a decided reticulation of spongin fibers.

10. **Dendroceratina:** Sponges with no proper spicules (see note above) but with spongin fibers that branch and do not reunite, resembling little trees in form.

Topsent regards the first of these orders as also a class, the second order as a second class, and the rest as a third class.

SYSTEMATIC DISCUSSION

Order CALCAREA Gray

Family LEUCOSOLENIIDAE Minchin

Genus LEUCOSOLENIA Bowerbank

LEUCOSOLENIA CONVALIARIA (Haeckel)

Ascilla convallaria HAECKEL, 1872, vol. 2, p. 45.

Leucosolenia convallaria DENDY and ROW, 1913, p. 725.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Described from the Pacific coast of North America (California, Brown). The species has not since been found in the State.

Description.—Hollow cylinders 0.05–0.1 mm thick, 2–4 mm long. Fragile, white, surface minutely hispid. The wall of the tube is of simple ascon type, strengthened by usually two layers of quadri-radiates only, of which the apical ray is from two-thirds to as long as each of the facial rays.

Remarks.—Ascon type sponges with only quadri-radiates are very rare. Hozawa (1929, p. 285) described a very similar one, *Leucosolenia kagoshimensis*, from Kagoshima Bay, Japan, and Haeckel (1872, vol. 2, p. 47) described another, *Leucosolenia (Ascilla) japonica*, also from Japan.

LEUCOSOLENIA MACLEAYI Lendenfeld

Leucosolenia macleayi LENDENFELD, 1885, p. 1086.

Leucosolenia stipitata DENDY, 1891, p. 51.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—First described from Australia.

Material examined.—About a dozen specimens were studied, all collected near Laguna Beach, intertidal, March 14, 1926, by myself. They were found principally pendant on the underside of sandstone boulders.

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21464; B.M. No. 29.8.22.49).—Shape, clathrous, vasiform, pedunculate. Size, up to 4 mm in diameter, 8 mm in height. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when preserved, white. Oscules, few and simple; diameter, 70μ . Pores, minute; diameter, about 5μ . Surface, superficially smooth, microscopically hispid.

Ectosomal specialization, none. Endosomal structure, ascon tubes 80μ to 130μ in diameter, branching and anastomosing to make a reticulation with meshes 70μ to 270μ in diameter. The skeleton consists of about two layers of simple triaxons. Histological details: I have

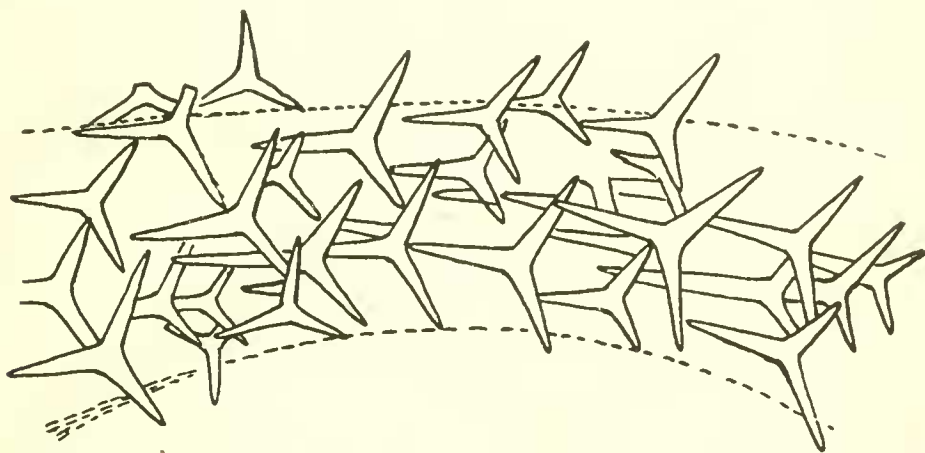


FIGURE 2.—*Leucosolenia macleayi* Dendy: One of the ascon tubes, $\times 300$; illustrating the spicules and their placement

a preparation of this species in which the axial canals of the spicules are clearly evident. This is rather uncommon in calcareous spicules. Statements have even been made that calcareous spicules lack such an axial canal, although Minchin (1900, p. 40) calls attention to the fact that there really is one.

Principal spicules, triaxons (fig. 2). Size of each ray, 3μ by 40μ to 6μ by 60μ ; the usual size is 6μ by 40μ .

Remarks.—There are rather few *Leucosolenias* having only triradiates, but some of these, including the present species, are common and nearly cosmopolitan. *L. macleayi* is characterized by delicate lacy form, regularity, and simplicity of spiculation, and by the stipitate habitus. I wish to thank Maurice Burton, of the British Museum of Natural History, for help in allocating this species, as by a mistake I had identified it with the rather similar *Leucosolenia coriacea* Montagu. *L. coriacea* differs in that it always has more repent form than *macleayi*.

LEUCOSOLENIA ELEANOR Urban

Leucosolenia eleanor URBAN, 1905, p. 36.

Holotype.—In the possession of Prof. F. Urban, Marienbad, Czechoslovakia.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay.

Material examined.—Abundant California specimens. I find this species only in the vicinity of Monterey Bay, where it is very common intertidally. It occurs on the underside of granite boulders or underneath protrusions of rock, often where the surf breaks on it.

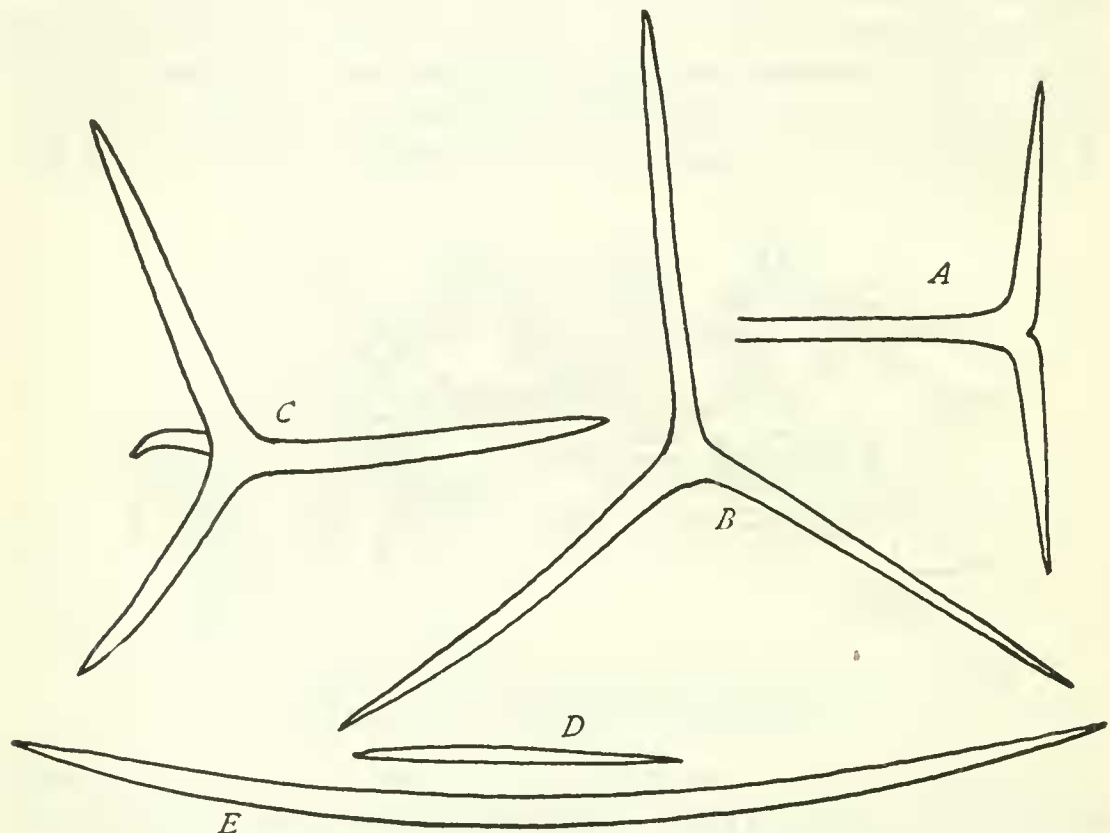


FIGURE 3.—*Leucosolenia eleanor* Urban: Triradiates (A, B) and quadriradiates (C) of average size, and extremes of the oxaeas (D, E), $\times 300$

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21465; B.M. No. 29.8.22.46).—Shape, clathrate masses of branching and anastomosing tubes. Size, up to 10 cm in diameter; the tubes are 0.3–1.7 mm in diameter. Consistency, fragile, slightly spongy. Color in life and when preserved, white. Oscules, simple, few, approximately 1 mm in diameter. Pores, minute, abundant. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, none. Endosomal structure, typically ascon. It is remarkable that although clathrate there are no blind diverticulations, the number of oscules increasing as the size of the colony increases. That which is now regarded as the genus *Leucosolenia* was formerly divided into two genera, the second called *Clathrina*, the basis of separation being the absence or presence of

clathrate form, and the fact that in the latter there were not only many blind diverticulations, but the number of oscules did not increase with enlargement of the colony; *eleanor* is precisely intermediate between the two. Histological details: The nuclei of the collar cells are sometimes placed basically, sometimes apically, according to Urban.

First type of spicules, oxeas (fig. 3, *D* and *E*); size, 4μ by 105μ to 9μ by 434μ . Second type of spicules, quadriradiates (fig. 3, *C*); size of rays, about 9μ by 140μ . Third type of spicules, sagittal alate triradiates (fig. 3, *A*); size of rays, about 7μ by 80μ . Fourth type of spicules, regular triradiates (fig. 3, *B*); size of rays, about 7μ by 140μ .

Remarks.—There does not seem to be any other *Leucosolenia* very close to *eleanor*, although, of course, many species of this genus have much in common with it. Most characteristic is the extent to which it is intermediate between the characteristics formerly assigned to *Clathrina* and those always assigned to *Leucosolenia*.

LEUCOSOLENIA NAUTILIA de Laubenfels

Leucosolenia nautilia DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 25.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21466; B.M. No. 29.8.22.11.

Type locality.—A small group of California specimens was studied, all collected by myself, July 20, 1926, from the bottom of a motor-driven fishing vessel that had been in active use near Monterey Bay since its previous cleaning, about six months earlier. This sponge was here associated with the introduced mussel, *Mytilus edulis*, a remarkable circumstance. The only mussel at all common locally is *M. californianus*.

Description.—Shape, there is a stoloniferous basal reticulation from which rise separate tubes. Size of largest colony, 20 mm high, 35 mm in diameter. Tubes, 0.2–2 mm in diameter and about 20 mm long; walls, about 50μ thick. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when preserved, white. Oscules, apical; diameters, as for the tubes. Pores, about 50μ in diameter; they cause the walls of the tubes to appear fenestrated. Surface, superficially hispid.

Ectosomal specialization, none. Endosomal structure, typical ascon sort. Histological details: The nuclei of the collar cells are so located in the main body of the cell as to be dubiously basal.

First type of spicules, large oxeas (fig. 4, *A*), size, 10μ by 400μ to 20μ by $1,000\mu$. Second type of spicules, small oxeas (fig. 4, *D* and *E*); size, about 4μ by 140μ . Third type of spicules, triradiates (fig. 4, *B*); size of rays, about 9μ by 140μ . Fourth type of spicules, quadriradiates (fig. 4, *C*); size of projecting rays, about 8μ by 30μ , tangential rays as for the triradiates.

Remarks.—The most abundant spicules seem to be the oxeas, which are commonly about 600μ to 800μ long but sometimes more than 1 mm. They are typically nearly tangential, but not quite, the distal fourth or third hispidating the surface. Smaller ones occur among them. The triradiates are between them and the gastral layer. The gastral (or cloacal) layer is packed with autogastral quadriradiates, the projecting ray comparatively short. The choanocytes are arranged on this inner surface only, as typical of ascons, and their nuclei are centrally located within the mass of the cell.

This species comes very close to the genus *Ascute*, which has the large oxea entirely embedded within the flesh. Its genotype, *A. uteoides* Dendy (1893, p. 178), from Australia, has besides this difference the further ones of lacking triradiates and having oxeas

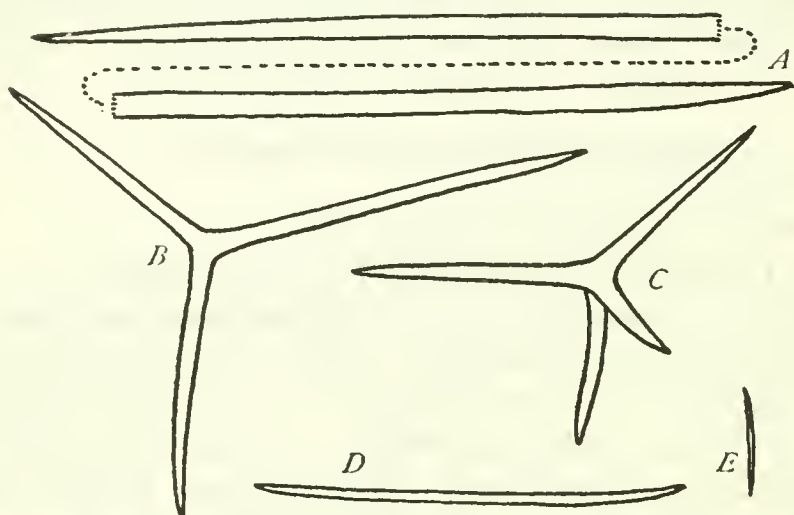


FIGURE 4.—*Leucosolenia nautilia* de Laubenfels: Extremes of size for the small oxeas (*D*, *E*) and average sizes for the other spicule sorts (*A*, *B*, *C*), $\times 300$

twice as thick though not much longer; nevertheless, I regard it as fairly closely related to *nautilia*, as other items are very similar. There is some possibility that the numerous differences from *Leucosolenia eleanor*, the common local intertidal member of this genus (p. 8), may be accounted for by the peculiar ecological placement of *nautilia*. There seems to be no other record of calcareous sponges fouling boat bottoms. Neither mussels nor sponges occur at all commonly on the bottoms of the fishing boats around Monterey Bay.

Family SYCETTIDAE Dendy

Genus SYCON Risso

SYCON COACTUM (Urban)

Sycandra coacta URBAN, 1905, p. 55.

Sycon coactum DENDY and ROW, 1913, p. 745.

Holotype.—In the possession of Prof. F. Urban, Marienbad, Czechoslovakia.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay, Calif. I have not succeeded in finding this species in the field, in spite of very careful search in the type locality.

Description.—This is a noncolonial, flask or vase-shaped sponge, about 5 mm in diameter and 6 mm high. The color is white. There is an erect oscular crown. The chamber system is of the second type (sycon). There are oxea of the oscular fringe, size 3μ by 500μ to 10μ by 500μ , and of the choanosome, size 35μ by $1,000\mu$ and less, and microxeas about 2μ by 40μ in the walls of the radial tubes and pseudogastral layer. The latter two locations are also supplied with triradiates and quadriradiates, rays about 10μ by 90μ . The triradiates are usually sagittal.

Remarks.—Urban fails to explain how this differs from the numerous other Sycons or Sycandras. It seems to differ from *Sycon coronatum* in its microxea and in the lack of dermal tufts over the distal ends of the radial tubes.

SYCON CORONATUM (Ellis and Solander)

Spongia coronata ELLIS and SOLANDER, 1786.

Grantia ciliata BOWERBANK, 1864, according to HAECKEL, 1872.

Sycandra coronata HAECKEL, 1872.

Sycon coronatum DENDY, 1892.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Europe. Haeckel (1872, vol. 2, p. 305) lists this species as from California, Brown. The species is cosmopolitan, but I have not found it in California.

Description.—This is a single cylindrical individual (noncolonial), usually 3 mm by 10 mm to 7 mm by 30 mm in diameter and height. Unless soiled it is white. The canal system is of the second, or sycon, type. There are many triradiates and quadriradiates, both regular and sagittal or alate; the single rays are often 0.007 mm by 0.14 mm in size. There are large oxea (about 0.02 mm by 1 to 2 mm) in tufts on the surface, particularly over the outer ends of the lateral diverticula of the pseudogastral cavity. The oscule is crowned with an erect spicular fringe.

Family GRANTIIDAE Dendy

Genus LEUCONIA Grant

LEUCONIA SAGITTATA (Haeckel)

Leucetta sagittata HAECKEL, 1872, p. 125.

Leucandra sagittata DENDY and ROW, 1913, p. 774.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Pacific coast of North America (California, Brown).

Description.—A mass of branching and anastomosing tubes 35

by 70 mm in size, with oscula much fewer than the total number of tubes. The color in alcohol is given as brown. The tubes are mostly 3 mm thick but vary from about 2 to 5 mm, with walls 0.4 to 0.8 mm thick. The surface is smooth both inside and out. Canal system leuconoid. The skeleton is of triradiates only, the largest having rays up to 0.06 by 0.8 mm, others are as small as 0.01 by 0.1 mm. All or nearly all are decidedly alate.

Remarks.—No one seems to have found another specimen of this sponge since Haeckel described it.

This genus has been quite generally known as *Leucandra*; but, as Burton (1929, p. 403) points out, the name *Leuconia* Grant, 1833, has clear priority and should never have been dropped for *Leucandra* Haeckel, 1872.

LEUCONIA HEATHI (Urban)

Leucandra heathi URBAN, 1905, p. 59.

Leucandra apicalis URBAN, 1905, p. 67.

Holotype.—In the possession of Prof. F. Urban, Marienbad, Czechoslovakia.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay, Calif.

Material examined.—Numerous California specimens were studied. The species is abundant near Monterey Bay, occurring on and under granite boulders near low-tide mark. In southern California, one finds what I take to be the same species, but so far only small and misshapen specimens. I found one intertidal at Laguna Beach in October, 1925. Other specimens were dredged by the University of Southern California on July 19, 1924, in 78 meters off Catalina Island, and on September 26, 1925, in 29 meters near Long Beach (U.S.N.M. No. 21422).

Description (material from type locality, U.S.N.M. No. 21462; B.M. No. 29.8.22.39).—Shape, pyriform, if not crowded, otherwise distorted. Size, up to at least 9 cm high, 11 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, basically white but usually dirty. Oscules, apical and usually but one to a sponge. Diameter, up to 10 mm. Pores, about 20μ in diameter. Surface, superficially hispid.

Ectosomal specialization, none, aside from the spicule plush. Endosomal structure, leucon type. Histological details: Flagellate chambers 45μ to 85μ diameter.

First type of spicules, coronal oxeas (fig. 5, *E*); size, 4μ by $8,000\mu$ to 12μ by more than $10,000\mu$. Second type of spicules, large oxeas (fig. 5, *G*); size, 30μ by $3,400\mu$ to 150μ by more than $5,000\mu$. Third type of spicules, sagittal triradiates (fig. 5, *A*); size of rays, about 10μ by 140μ . Fourth type of spicules, endosomal triradiates (fig. 5, *B*, *C*, and *D*); size, up to 10μ by 225μ . Microscleres, microxeas (fig. 5, *F*); size, about 4μ by 140μ .

The large oxeas are radially placed in the sponge mass and echinate the most of the exterior surface. The sagittal triradiates line the upper cloacal surface. The endosomal triradiates occur frequently in all sizes from the maximum down. The microxeas are located sparsely throughout the sponge.

Remarks.—A noteworthy feature is the sphincter (glistening white) around the upper end of the cloaca, which latter is often quite a third of the diameter of the entire sponge and reaches nearly to the base. Professor Heath tells of finding specimens exposed at

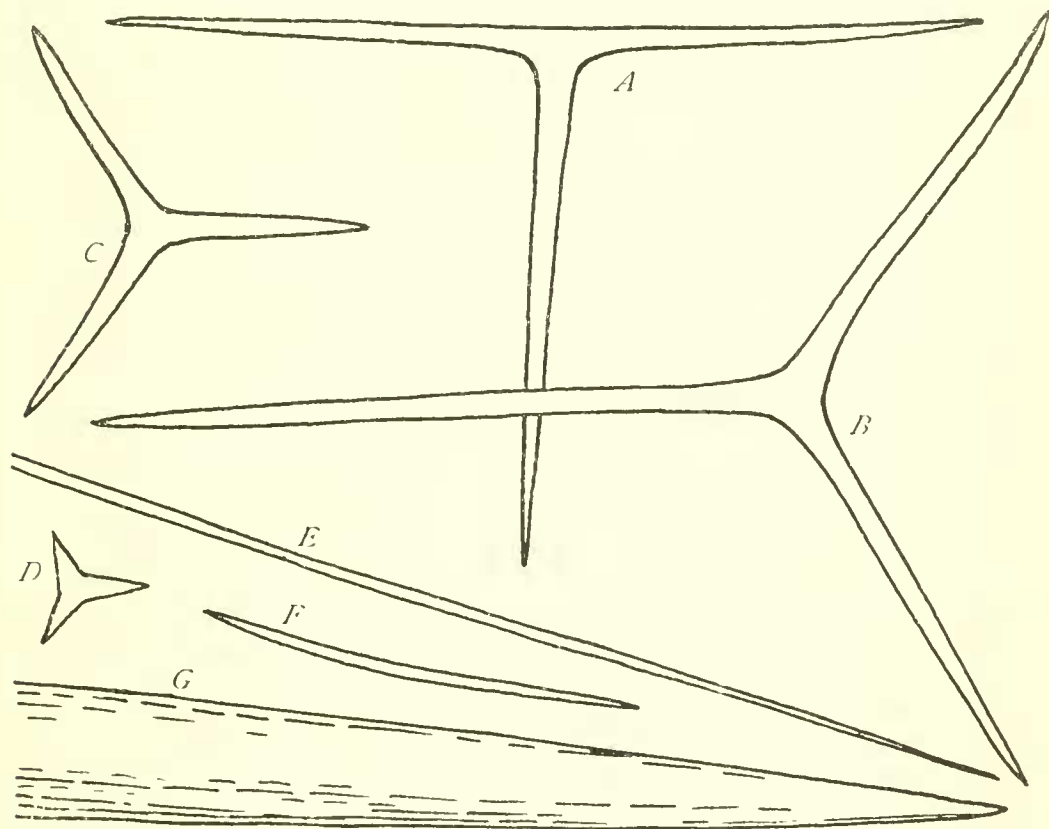


FIGURE 5.—*Leuconia heathi* (Urban): Spicule varieties, $\times 300$; only the terminations of the longer oxeas are shown

low tide, of blowing tobacco smoke at their open oscules, and watching the moderately quick closing by the sphincter. Urban writes of a pore membrane for closing the afferent openings.

In describing *L. apicalis*, Urban fails to cite means whereby it may be distinguished from *L. heathi* of the same locality; therefore I consider it a synonym of *L. heathi*.

Family LEUCASCIDAE Dendy

Genus LEUCETTA Haeckel

LEUCETTA LOSANGELENSIS (de Laubenfels)

Leuconia losangelensis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 25.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21463; B.M. No. 29.8.22.40.

Type locality.—Laguna Beach, Calif., October, 1925, intertidal, collected by the author. Numerous California specimens were

studied, all from southern California. The species is abundant at this locality. In September, 1925, I found it on pilings of a wharf at Venice, Calif. The University of Southern California collected it twice in July, 1914, without locality record, at Whites Point (near San Pedro) without date record (U.S.N.M. No. 21407), and on July 13, 1923, at Point Vincente (near San Pedro) (U.S.N.M. No. 21402). The species occurs in a variety of situations throughout the lower half of the intertidal zone, seeming to favor situations in the bottom of crevices and where the wave action is strong. It is much infested with other animals, particularly crustaceans.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, up to about 2 cm thick and 10 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, white to pale brown. Oscules, oval, scattered, size about 1 by 3 mm. Pores, not superficially evident. My sections show them definitely closed with a distinct pore-membrane about 5μ to 20μ thick. They lead to canals a little more than 100μ in diameter so probably can be opened to about that size. Surface, superficially smooth, contort, with humps and ridges several millimeters high.

Ectosomal specializations, dermal membrane, 5μ thick; not detachable, fleshy, contains abundant nuclei. Below it is a zone about 115μ thick devoid of flagellate chambers, containing amoebocytes often elongate and perpendicular to the surface, in a ground substance (collenchyma) appearing noncellular, probably protoplasmic. Endosomal structure, leuconid, arranged very much as in many of the Demospongias. It is quite remarkable that this calcareous sponge so closely resembles in shape an amorphous noncalcareous sponge. The surface is often ridged, or again it may be merely irregularly lumpy. The oscules are scattered here and there. From them canals meander through the choanosome, all in quite halichondrine fashion. I have found small specimens scarcely more than a centimeter in diameter, and even they had two or three small oscules and none of the characteristic symmetry of the Calcareia. It would be most interesting to find still younger forms and trace the early stages. Histological details (besides those mentioned above): The flagellate chambers are usually oval, extreme measurements about 30μ to 80μ .

First type of spicules regular triaxons (fig. 6, *C*, *D*, and *H*); second type of spicules, sagittal triaxons (fig. 6, *F*).

The characteristic spiculation of this species is a confused tangle of two sizes of triaxons, the larger (fig. 6, *C*) with rays about 40μ by 400μ , the smaller (fig. 6, *E*) with rays about 13μ by 130μ . Some specimens, including the type specimen, contain numerous intermediates, but in many specimens the distinction into two different sized ranges is conspicuous. Careful study of many specimens yields the following as supplementary remarks: In two instances I have found a small fourth ray on a spicule (fig. 6, *G*); this item is so rare that

I doubt if quadriradiates should be cited as of normal occurrence. In a few cases I have found small oxeas near the surface (fig. 6, *A*). These are not certainly proper. Rather more often I find microtylostyles about 5μ by 40μ (fig. 6, *B*). I interpret these as essentially triradiates, with two rays almost entirely suppressed. In some parts of some specimens I find curious microspined cylinders, about 3μ in diameter, of variable lengths, with abrupt ends (fig. 6, *H*). It seems doubtful that they are proper spicules, or even

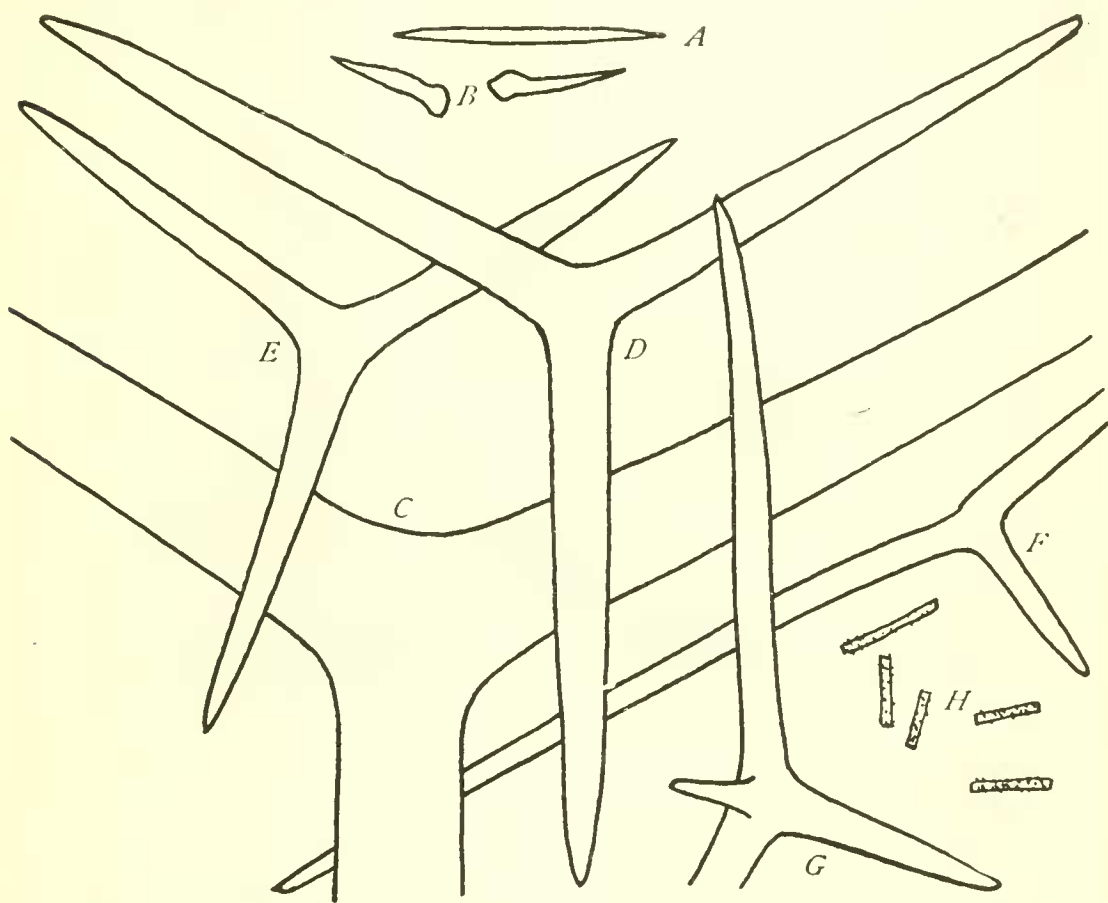


FIGURE 6.—*Leucetta losangelensis* (de Laubenfels), spicules, $\times 300$

spicules at all; but they should be mentioned. Some of the triradiates are both alate and sagittal, these being, as usual, around the oscules.

Remarks.—The species closest here would seem to be that described by Hozawa, 1929, as *Leucandra solida*.

Family AMPHORISCIDAE Dendy

Genus RHABDODERMELLA Urban

RHABDODERMELLA NUTTINGI Urban

Rhabdodermella nuttingi URBAN, 1902, p. 268.

Leucilla nuttingi DENDY and ROW, 1913, p. 784.

Holotype.—In the possession of Prof. F. Urban, Marienbad, Czechoslovakia.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay, Calif.

Material examined.—Numerous California specimens were studied. The species is very common in the intertidal zone both in southern California and the Monterey region; and E. F. Ricketts reports seeing sponges resembling this at various intermediate points. The University of Southern California dredged it in 27 meters off Long Beach. It often hangs from the underside of boulders, and as exposed at low tide makes beautiful pearllike pendants.

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21486; B.M. No. 29.8.22.43).—Shape, vasiform, elongate, stipitate. Size, up to 5 mm in diameter, 25 mm high. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, white. Oscules, apical; diameter up to 3 mm. There is a small

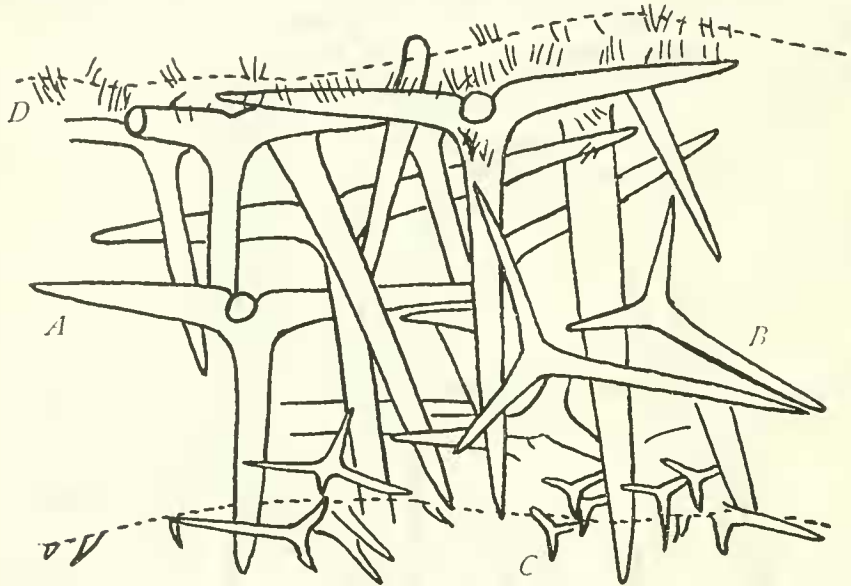


FIGURE 7.—*Rhabdodermella nuttingi* Urban: Spicules (limits of protoplasmic structures indicated by dotted lines) in a cross section perpendicular to the long axis of the sponge, the various sorts except the coronal oxeas in situ, $\times 95$. The upper portion of the figure is the external, the lower is the cloacal

coronal palisade of erect spicules. Pores, up to 200μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, the dermis (20μ thick) contains distinctive microrhabds, placed vertically, in great abundance. Endosomal structure, leuconid of the sort termed sylleibid, that is, with the flagellate chambers in grape-cluster arrangement. Histological details: The flagellate chambers are oval, about 70μ by 126μ in size.

First type of spicules, coronal oxeas (not figured); size about 25μ by $1,250\mu$. Second type of spicules, large hypodermal quadriradiates or triradiates (fig. 7, A); size of rays, about 40μ by 875μ . Third type of spicules, smaller triradiates (fig. 7, B); size of rays, about 10μ by 230μ . Fourth type of spicules, very small quadriradiates or triradiates (fig. 7, C); size of rays, about 4μ by 20μ to 5μ by 100μ . Microscleres, microxeas (fig. 7, D); size, about 2μ by 45μ .

The coronal oxeas are arranged in a palisade about the oscule, as usual. The large quadriradiates or triradiates are hypodermal. Their rhabds reach clear to the gastral layer, the cladome being near the outer surface. The smaller triradiates are scattered in the choanosome. The still smaller quadriradiates or triradiates line the gastral surface. The fourth ray, or in the case of the triradiates, one of the three, is autodermal.

Remarks.—Dendy and Row in monographing the Calcarea (1913, p. 793) put this in the large genus *Leucilla*. The type species of that genus, *L. amphora*, is somewhat like the species under discussion in shape, and to a lesser extent in canal system and arrangement of the larger spicules. Lendenfeld regarded the difference in canal system great enough, however, to create a separate family for those of the type of *Polynia* and *Vosmaeria* (family Sylleibidae). *R. nuttingi* would be in this family if it were regarded as valid, but it is usually not so regarded. Furthermore, *nuttingi* differs so widely from *amphora* in other respects, especially in having the peculiar dermis with its special microscleres, that I believe the two can not fairly be classed as congeneric. I therefore hold with Urban, recognizing his genus, *Rhabdodermella*.

Order HEXACTINELLIDA Schmidt

Family HYALONEMATIDAE Gray

Genus HYALONEMA J. E. Gray

HYALONEMA POPULIFERUM Schulze

Hyalonema populiferum F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 10.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7557.

Type locality.—Albatross Station 2928, near San Clemente Island, Calif., depth 764 meters, sand bottom.

Other specimens recorded by Schulze from the vicinity of San Clemente Island are from:

Albatross Station 2936, depth 656 meters, mud bottom.

Albatross Station 2937, depth 847 meters, mud bottom.

Albatross Station 2980, depth 1,192 meters, mud bottom.

Family ROSSELLIDAE Schulze

Genus APHORME Schulze

APHORME HORRIDA Schulze

Aphorme horrida F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 40.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7504.

Type locality.—Albatross Station 2937, near San Clemente Island, Calif., depth 847 meters, mud bottom.

Genus ACANTHASCUS Schulze

ACANTHASCUS PLATEI Schulze

Acanthascus platei F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 45.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7502.

Type locality.—*Albatross* Station 2927, west from San Diego, Calif., depth 572 meters, mud bottom.

Genus STAUROCALYPTUS Ijima

STAUROCALYPTUS DOWLINGI (Lambe)

Rhabdocalyptus dowlingi LAMBE, 1893, p. 37.

Staurocalyptus dowlingi IJIMA, 1897, vol. 1, p. 53.

Holotype.—In the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada; described from the west coast of Canada.

Other records.—Schulze (1899, p. 47) described Californian specimens from *Albatross* Station 2955, depth 221 meters. This station is just south of Santa Rosa Island. The specimen he figures is U.S.N.M. No. 7578. He also had a specimen from Alaska.

STAUROCALYPTUS SOLIDUS Schulze

Staurocalyptus solidus F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 51.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7581.

Type locality.—*Albatross* Station 2948, near Santa Cruz Island, depth 486 meters.

Other specimens recorded by Schulze are from:

Albatross Station 3071, Washington, depth 1,253 meters.

Albatross Station 3202, Monterey Bay, depth 699 meters.

Three other specimens from Monterey Bay are in the collection of Stanford University. The species is also represented in the British Museum (No. 29.8.22.26).

Description (based on the Stanford University specimens).—Shape, vasiform; a hollow cylinder. Size, up to 15 cm in diameter, 24 cm high. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, on cloacal surface only; round, 1 to 4 mm in diameter. Pores, on outer surface only; round, 0.2 to 0.4 mm in diameter. Surface covered with a forest of projecting spicules.

Parenchyma, about 23 mm thick. Prostalia marginalia, none as distinct from pleuralia. Prostalia pleuralia, abundant diacts 40 to 60 mm long. Prostalia basalia, none. Dermalia autodermal, diacts up to 20 mm long. Dermalia hypodermal, conspicuous pentacts, rhabds about 20 mm long, clads about 4 mm above the surface and each arm about 3 to 5 mm long. There are here also small pentacts, each arm spined and about 12μ by 150μ . Gastralium autodermal,

diacts 20 to 30 mm long. Gastralia hypodermal, abundant pentacts, each arm 200μ long. There are further a few diacts about 2 mm long, perpendicular to the surface and in, but not protruding from, the cloacal layer. Parenchymalia principalia, oxeas about 30 mm long. Parenchymalia comitalia, strongyles almost tylotes, with spined heads and four hemispherical protrusions so placed centrally as to indicate that this is a reduced hexact. Size, about 0.016 by 3 mm. Parenchymalia intermedia, oxyhexasters, all or most of the six primary rays being dichotomously branched. Each ray totals about 45μ long. There are also discohexasters of about 180μ total diameter.

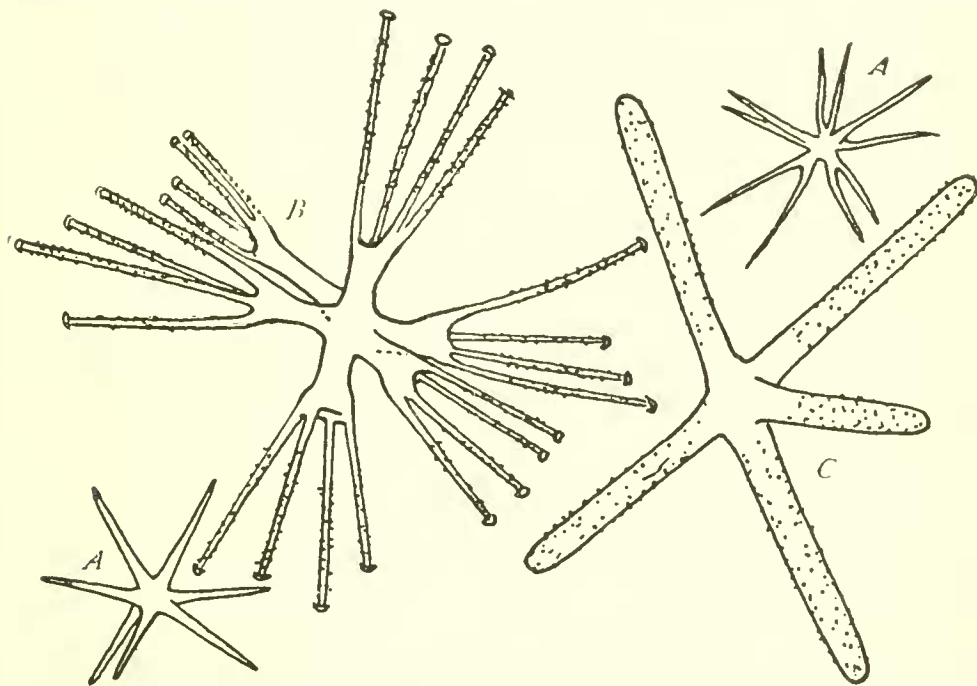


FIGURE 8.—*Staurocalyptus solidus* Schulze: A, Oxyhexasters; B, discohexaster; C, one of the smaller pentacts. $\times 300$

Remarks.—Schulze's description is rather brief and is based in a large measure on a comparison to *Staurocalyptus dowlingi* (Lambe) Ijima. This latter form is described as having discohexasters 250μ to 320μ in diameter, as compared to *S. solidus*, which has discohexasters 150μ to 180μ in diameter; moreover, the former is semistipitate, but in other respects the two forms are practically identical. I follow Schulze in retaining these as separate species for the time being but with serious doubts. It is very possible that future work may show that *S. solidus* should fall as a synonym to *S. dowlingi*.

STAUROCALYPTUS FASCICULATUS Schulze

Staurocalyptus fasciculatus F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 53.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7580.

Type locality.—Albatross Station 2979, north of Santa Cruz Island, Calif., depth 690 meters, mud bottom.

Genus RHABDOCALYPTUS Schulze

RHABDOCALYPTUS DAWSONI (Lambe)

Bathydorus dawsoni LAMBE, 1892, p. 73.

Rhabdocalyptus dawsoni F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 54.

Holotype.—In the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.

Type locality.—The west coast of Canada.

Other records.—Schulze (1899) has specimens from the same vicinity and from three California localities, as follows:

Albatross Station 2975, depth 66 meters, stony bottom.

Albatross Station 2945, depth 55 meters, stony bottom.

Albatross Station 3349, depth 437 meters, shell bottom.

The first two stations are near Santa Cruz Island, the last is just west of San Francisco. Schulze's figured specimen is U.S.N.M. No. 7570.

RHABDOCALYPTUS TENER Schulze

Rhabdocalyptus tener F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 57.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7577.

Type locality.—*Albatross Station 2923*, off San Diego, Calif., depth 1,503 meters, green mud bottom.

RHABDOCALYPTUS NODULOSUS Schulze

Rhabdocalyptus nodulosus F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 58.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7576.

Type locality.—*Albatross Station 2980*, off Santa Barbara, Calif., 1,103 meters, mud bottom. Schulze also had a second specimen from *Albatross Station 2936*, off San Diego, depth 657 meters, mud bottom.

RHABDOCALYPTUS ASPER Schulze

Rhabdocalyptus asper F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 60.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7568.

Type locality.—*Albatross Station 2936*, off San Diego, Calif., depth 657 meters, mud bottom.

Family EURETIDAE Zittel

Genus FARREA Bowerbank

FARREA CONVULVULUS Schulze

Farrea convolvulus F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 71.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 7553.

Type locality.—*Albatross Station 2936*, off San Diego, Calif., depth 656 meters, mud bottom.

Family COSCINOPORIDAE Zittel

Genus CHONELASMA Schulze

CHONELASMA CALYX Schulze

Chonelasma calyx F. E. SCHULZE, 1887, p. 326.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Japan.

Other records.—The *Albatross* dredged this species from nine stations, as reported by F. E. Schulze (1899, p. 78), as follows:

Station 3326, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, depth 1,053 meters.

Stations 2877 and 2875, near Washington State, depths 108 and 73 meters.

Stations 2862 and 2864, near Vancouver, Canada, depths 435 and 88 meters.

Station 3051, near Oregon, depth 108 meters.

Station 3202, Monterey Bay, Calif., depth 699 meters, mud bottom.

Station 2952, near Santa Barbara, Calif., depth 104 meters, rocky bottom.

Station 2980, west of Santa Rosa Island, Calif., depth 1,103 meters, mud bottom.

The specimen that Schulze figures is U.S.N.M. No. 8585.

CHONELASMA TENERUM Schulze

Chonelasma tenerum F. E. SCHULZE, 1899, p. 81.

Cotypes.—U.S.N.M. Nos. 7540 and 7541.

Type locality.—*Albatross* Station 2916, depth 170 meters, stony bottom (1 specimen), and *Albatross* Station 2919, depth 1,800 meters, mud bottom (5 specimens). Both stations are in the vicinity of the Cortez Bank, Calif., which, strictly speaking, lies in Mexican waters. Four paratypes (U.S.N.M. No. 7542) were taken at *Albatross* Station 2923, depth 1,503 meters, mud bottom, off San Diego, Calif.

Family APHROCALLISTIDAE Schulze

Genus APHROCALLISTES J. E. Gray

APHROCALLISTES VASTUS Schulze

Aphrocallistes vastus F. E. SCHULZE, 1887, p. 317.

Aphrocallistes whiteavesianus LAMBE, 1892, p. 74.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Japan.

Other records.—Lambe's specimen was from Canadian waters. According to Schulze, the *Albatross* dredged this from 13 stations, as follows:

Stations 3316, 3330, 3331, and 3337, in Alaskan waters, depths 565, 642, 640, and 512 meters, respectively.

Stations 2860, 2862, 2864, and 2877, off the coast of Canada, depths 1,602, 435, 88, and 108 meters, respectively.

Stations 2882 and 3054, off the coast of Oregon, depths 124 and 97 meters, respectively.

Station 3008, off the coast of Mexico, depth 560 meters.

Station 2925, near San Diego, Calif., latitude 32° 32' N., longitude 117° 24' W., depth 620 meters, mud bottom.

Station 2935, near San Diego, Calif., latitude 33° 04' N., longitude 117° 42' W., depth 839 meters, mud bottom.

In the dredging operations of E. F. Ricketts, of the Pacific Biological Laboratories, Pacific Grove, Calif., there have been brought up and presented to me by him, macerated skeletons evidently belonging to the genus *Aphrocallistes* and very probably to the species *vastus*; but they lack the soft parts and loose spicules.

Order MYXOSPONGIDA Sollas

Family HALISARCIDAE Schmidt

Genus HALISARCA Johnston

HALISARCA SACRA de Laubenfels

Halisarca sacra DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 25.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21454; B.M. No. 29.8.22.53.

Type locality.—Elkhorn Slough, at the east side of Monterey Bay, Calif. Collected by E. F. Ricketts, July 4, 1929. I also have collected the species at the same locality. It is found associated with *Mycale macginitiei* on rocks introduced by man in the midst of an environment of sheltered tidal mud flats.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 0.7 mm thick, in patches up to 14 mm in diameter. Consistency, very soft. Color in life and when preserved, very pale drab. Oscules, about 100 μ to 200 μ in diameter. Pores, very minute, well under 50 μ ; exact sizes obscured by contractility, but none observed more than 10 μ . Surface, superficially shiny smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, 20 μ to 40 μ thick, characterized by rounded cells in a more darkly staining ground mass than that of the endosome. There are subdermal cavities about 20 μ in diameter. Endosomal structure, collenchymatous. The abundant mesogloea takes nuclear stains very definitely. Histological details: The exceedingly long flagellate chambers are often radiately clustered around excurrent canals, which are often near the substrate. Many prosopyles are very short, and often there is almost direct contact with the subdermal cavities. The chambers are always about 40 μ in diameter, and average well over 200 μ long, lengths up to 280 μ being common.

Remarks.—Some authors regard all Halisarcas as conspecific with *H. dujardini*, the genotype. The genus is so simplified that it is very difficult to find adequate grounds for separating any species from *dujardini*, but I hesitate to believe that all the members found over the entire world really are conspecific. This, our California

representative, is, of course, close to the genotype, but may be separated, I believe, on the basis of the extreme length of the flagellate chambers. In the literature one finds few or no references to chambers longer than 125μ , though I have seen in the British Museum prepared slides showing chambers—presumably of the genotype—longer than 200μ ; these are, however, out of the ordinary for European or Australian material. In *sacra* they are usually well

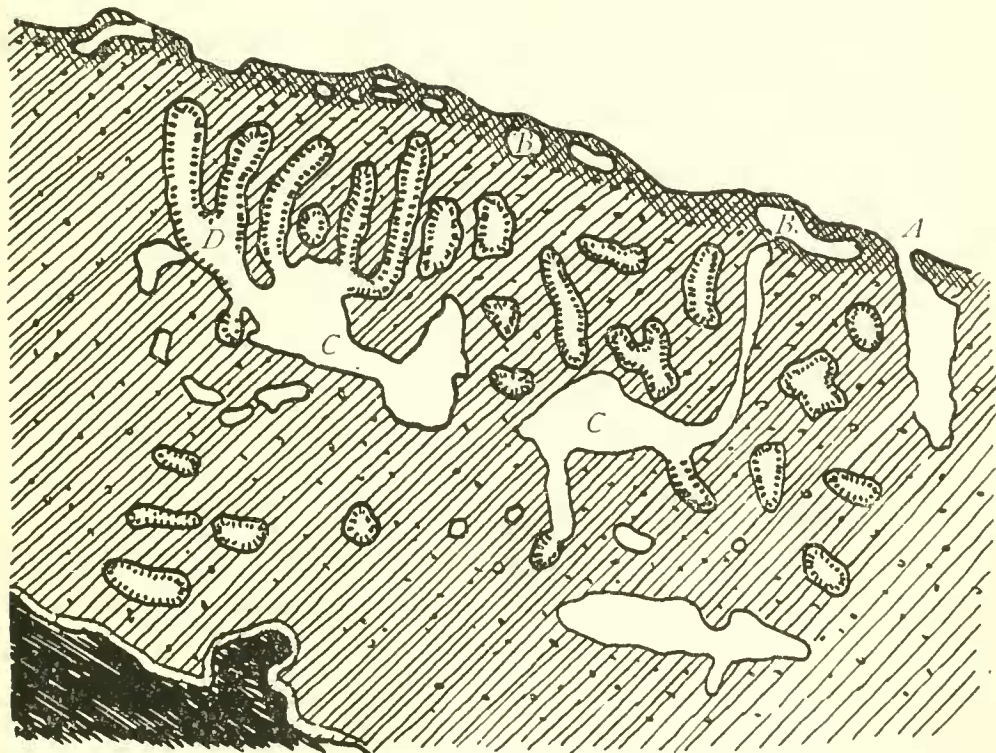


FIGURE 9.—*Halisarca sacra* de Laubenfels: Typical section perpendicular to the surface. It was found impractical to draw in fine items of detail. A, An oscule; B, subdermal cavities; C, excurrent canals. D, flagellate chamber, $\times 120$

over 200μ and rather often reach lengths of 280μ . The general picture as made by slides of *sacra* is so different from that made by other slides of this genus that I have seen that I had a certain degree of confidence in naming this as a new species.

Order CHORISTIDA Sollas

Family GEODIIDAE Gray

Genus SIDONOPS Sollas

SIDONOPS ANGULATA Lendenfeld

Sidonops angulata LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 18 (based on three described varieties: *megana*, *microana*, and *orthotriaena*).

Sidonops bicolor LENDENFELD 1910, p. 46.

Holotype.—Here established as U.S.N.M. No. 8380, *S. angulata* var. *microana*.

Type locality.—*Albatross* Station 4417, 53 meters, off Santa Barbara Island, Calif.

Occurrence.—Lendenfeld identifies as *S. angulata* 4 specimens dredged by the *Albatross* near Santa Barbara Island, southern California, Stations 2945, 2975, and 4417, and as *bicolor* 15 specimens in the same collection dredged at Stations 2958, 2981, 3168, 4420, 4531, and 4551. These range from southern to central California. The depths are from 42 to 100 meters.

Description.—Tuberous, usually with digitate processes. Largest specimen 4 by 10 cm. In spirits, externally whitish to rufous to brown, internally dirty yellowish. A spicule fur covers much of the surface. The smooth areas are probably always, and sometimes certainly, due to such external causes as, for example, overlying bryozoans. The round oscules are usually in groups, often on raised processes, and vary from 0.25 to 1 mm in diameter. The pores are in chones. The cortex is from 1 to 2 mm thick and, as is the rule in this family, is packed with sterrasters. Spicules: (a) Special dermal diacts up to 0.04 by 9 mm; (b) endosomal diacts up to 0.105 by 5.6 mm; (c) plagiotriaenes, the cladomes often reduced to diaenes or monaenes, rhabds up to 0.11 by 4 mm; (d) anatriaenes, often absent, when present with rhabds up to 0.039 by 9 mm; (e) sterrasters from 0.087 by 0.122 mm to 0.097 by 0.17 mm; (f) spherasters with spined tornote rays, total diameter often around 0.021 to 0.028 mm; (g) euaster rays sharply oxeote and sometimes microspined, sometimes smooth, total diameters up to 0.064 mm.

Remarks.—I have not examined Lendenfeld's specimens personally, so use his published data, with this warning: E. F. Hallmann, 1914, examined the material from which Lendenfeld described very numerous Australian sponges and reports serious inaccuracies in many of Lendenfeld's descriptions. Although Lendenfeld produced two large volumes on the Geodidae of the *Albatross* dredgings, I feel we can only surmise the true status of his species pending a re-examination of the material by some competent investigator.

In establishing *angulata* and *bicolor* Lendenfeld (1910) mentions for the former that some of the spicules were sharply bent. This is a very common malformation in many sorts of sponges. In the same article Lendenfeld figures such deformities for various of the Geodias. He does not say this feature was conspicuously absent from his *bicolor*. He established this latter name because of darker color on one side than the other. As is well known, sponges receiving more light from one side than the other tend to be darker on the exposed side. Lendenfeld notes (p. 47) that the darker was the upper side of these specimens. *S. bicolor* and *S. angulata* are not to be separated on such differences alone.

Genus *GEODIA* Lamarck*GEODIA MESOTRIAENA* Lendenfeld

Cydonium mülleri LAMBE (not Fleming), 1892, p. 72; 1893, p. 36.

Geodia mesotriaena LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 96.

Geodia agassizii LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 113.

Geodia mesotriaenella LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 151.

Geodia breviana LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 155.

Geodia ovis LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 161.

Holotype.—Here designated as U.S.N.M. No. 8410.

Type locality.—*Albatross* Station 2942, off southern California, 41 meters.

Occurrence.—Lendenfeld had 10 specimens from California, from *Albatross* Stations 2894, 1909, 2942, 2958, 2975, 2978, 4417, 4551, and 3168; and 24 specimens from north of California, Stations 2886, 2887, 3098, 4193, 4199, and 4228, ranging from Oregon to southeastern Alaska. I have four specimens from southern California, all dredged by the University of Southern California at depths from 41 to 47 meters. The *Albatross* specimens were from 32 to 180 meters, except one from 369 meters. This species is also represented in the British Museum (No. 29.9.30.11).

Description.—Shape, massive; younger specimens subglobular, older ones spread laterally to form cakes. Size, up to at least 6 cm thick, spreading laterally to at least 20 cm. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, whitish externally, dirty yellow internally, the exterior often discolored on account of outside influences. Oscules, chones. Pores, chones. Surface, superficially covered by a dense spicular plush, which may be broken off, but in that case it is represented by broken ends of spicules.

Ectosomal specialization, cortical; it is largely sterraster armor and ranges from 200μ to 1 mm thick. Endosomal structure, radiate. *Histological details*: I have a slide showing spherical flagellate chambers that are 16μ to 20μ in diameter.

Spicules: (a) Large endosomal diacts, rarely styles or strongyles, usually oxeads (fig. 10, *H*); size, 20μ to 112μ thick. Lengths are hard to state as the longer ones are usually broken, but they reach at least 9 mm. The common size is about 0.05 by 2.5 mm. (b) *Plagiotriaenes* or *diaenes* (fig. 10, *J, K*) of the same size range as the oxeads mentioned above. These are placed with their cladomes just below or actually within the cortex, the rhabds continuing on down, directed toward the base or center of the sponge. (c) *Anatriaenes* of very great variation in size and abundance (fig. 10, *D, E, F, G*). In the same specimen their rhabd diameter may range from 2μ to 45μ . They are commonly 5 to 10 mm in length, in extreme cases as much as 22 mm long. They may be placed like the *plagiotriaenes*, or their

cladomes may be actually projecting beyond the surface of the sponge. (*d*) A type of spicule (fig. 10, *A, B, C*) that is typically a mesoprotriaene but may have a very small epirhabd or none; may be protriaene or orthotriaene; or may be triaene, diaene, or monotriaene. This occurs usually or always in the spicule fur, and therefore tends to be lost when that is rubbed off. Its frequency and shape seem to be the most characteristic items distinguishing California *Geodias*. I find rhabd diameter 11μ to 48μ . Lendenfeld reports 7μ to 12μ . (*e*) Dermal small oxea or styles (fig. 10, *L*), diameters 2μ to 13μ , lengths

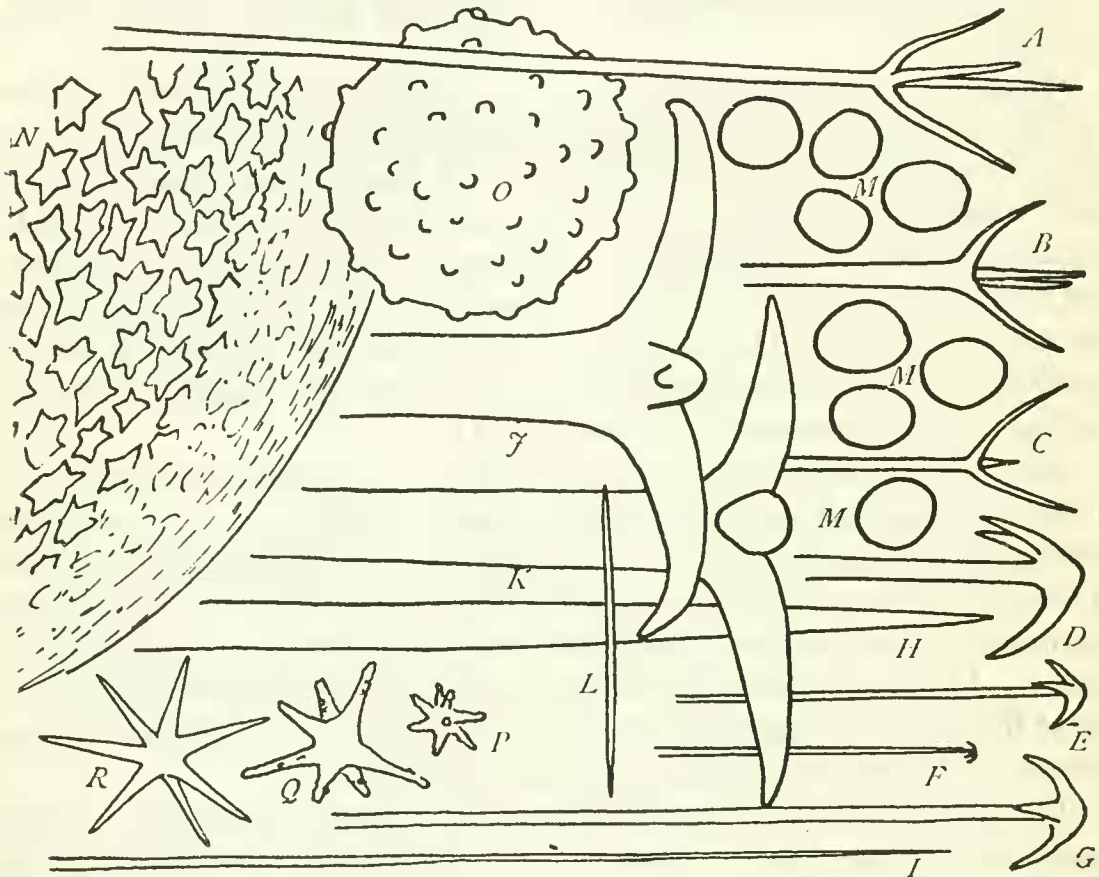


FIGURE 10.—*Geodia mesotriaena* Lendenfeld: Spicules *A* to *M*, $\times 80$; others, $\times 1,333$. *O*, a developmental form of the sterraster, of which *N*—to the same scale—can only show a small bit of the surface. *H*, pointed end, which is the same for the oxeas and the esactines of the plagio spicules. *I*, esactine of the other polyactinal megascleres

usually about 200μ . (*f*) Sterrasters (fig. 10, *M, N, O*), greatest lengths ranging from 65μ to 118μ , least diameters from 42μ to 83μ , usually 50μ by 70μ by 60μ . (*g*) Strongylospherasters (fig. 10, *P, Q*), 4μ to 15μ in diameter. (*h*) Oxyspherasters 6μ to 24μ in diameter. (*i*) Oxyeuasters 9μ to 35μ in diameter (fig. 10, *R*). It might be much more accurate to say there are small asters of great variability, the ends of the spines varying from strongylote (rounded) to oxeote (sharp) but usually more rounded in the smaller and sharper in the larger. A centrum may be present varying from comparatively very large to absent, but most conspicuous in the smaller asters. The rays seem always to be spined, but the spines vary from almost invisible to very

conspicuous. The whole range can be found within a single specimen, though not in every specimen.

Remarks.—In his work on the Geodidae, Lendenfeld (1910) described as new 11 species from the west coast of North America. The 10 specimens from California he placed in 5 new species. According to these standards, I would have needed two new species for my four specimens, continuing the average of a new species for each two specimens. This probably does not represent the true state of affairs. It is possible that we have here but one *Geodia*, exhibiting a considerable range of variability. Table 1 (p. 28) gives the spicule measurements of my four specimens and Lendenfeld's five species, based on his figures. Since each spicule goes through all intermediate sizes before attaining its maximum and since it may require a very long time in accomplishing this growth, many specimens might lack maximum sizes. I believe this table gives good grounds for merging all these into one species. Are there any grounds for splitting them into more than one?

In discussing *mesotriaena*, Lendenfeld emphasized the mesotriaenes. They are specified in his other four species. It seems that the frequency and development of this type of spicule do distinguish the California Geodias from those of, say, Asia or Europe. It is practically the only difference from some East Indian Geodias, but can not be used to separate our local forms into species.

Lendenfeld does not set forth differences between *mesotriaena* and *agassizii*, though his tables show the latter to have somewhat smaller mesotriaenes. The mesotriaenes typically protrude from the surface and may be broken off by animals crawling over the sponge, or by jostling in the dredge as it comes up. Furthermore, the longest ones are the most likely to be lost. The differences Lendenfeld shows are probably due to the fact that some specimens receive somewhat rougher treatment in collecting than the others.

G. mesotriaenella is based upon one specimen that had none of the larger sizes of spicules. In view of the probability that this is but a younger specimen (it was only 1.5 by 2 cm), no species should be made for it.

G. breviana is established for a specimen that Lendenfeld says had anatriaenes with much shorter clads than the other specimens. His illustration shows no conspicuous difference in this respect, and the agreement of other characteristics leads one to believe this was but a very slightly aberrant individual.

For *ovis* Lendenfeld emphasizes its very thick spicule fur and mentions its very small as well as very large anatriaenes. These smaller ones may be merely a new crop beginning to form. Practically all its other spicules, including many of the anatriaenes, are somewhat larger than in the others, and it has expanded laterally

farther than any. It seems likely that this is but a more mature specimen than any of the others. There is one most interesting item in its description, however. Lendenfeld states the spicule fur was about 20 mm high. The very longest spicule he records is 23 mm long. Not only do his tabulated measurements show that most of the spicules involved were less than 20 mm, but he specifically says (p. 163) that there are spicules lying in it freely. It is hardly conceivable that the nonattached spicules came from another sponge. We have here, then, proof of the shedding of spicules, and the great thickness of the fur in this specimen is due, in all probability, to good fortune in not having had the loose extra layers washed or shaken off.

Lambe in 1892 (p. 72) records a sponge from Vancouver Island as *Cydonium mülleri* Fleming. Lendenfeld says it is his *breviana*. Lambe in 1893 (p. 36) records another from Queen Charlotte Islands, about 3° of latitude away, also as *Cydonium mülleri*. Lendenfeld says it is his *agassizii*. Lendenfeld is probably correct in separating Lambe's from Fleming's species, but Lambe was probably quite right as to the identity of the two with each other. In fact, Lendenfeld quotes the 1893 article in both respects and, but for a clew given by his page references, gives every indication that he is talking about the same sponge in both cases. (See Lendenfeld, 1910, pp. 113, 155.)

TABLE 1.—Measurements of the spicules of California Geodias

Spicule ¹	mesotriaena	agassizii	mesotriaenella	breviana	ovis	Specimen A	Specimen B	Specimen C	Specimen D
	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ	μ
Endosomal diacts.....	50-105	60-112	20-50	30-88	30-40	27-148	26-65	55-59	27-67
Rhabds of plagiotriaenes.....	85-120	65-150	75-120	60-130	74-100	27-90	52-70	65-85	40-104
Rhabds of anatriaenes.....	8-40	10-50	18-30	25-40	2-45	13-16	17-30	16-30	13-25
Rhabds of mesotriaenes.....	38-70	7-40	9-19	15-32	20-120	25-33	11-27	13-48	14-30
Dermal diacts.....	9-19	5-12	4-5	2-9	8-13	7-13	4-12	3-12	7-9
Length of sterraster.....	92-125	82-118	87-107	84-105	82-92	72-87	70-73	65-85	65-95
Sterraster.....	67-82	58-89	58-68	55-77	54-61	48-78	42-57	45-52	55-76
Strongylospheraster.....	6-14	4-11	6-11	6-12	?	8-15	9-14	14-15	6-9
Oxyspheraster.....	19-32	10-21	20-21	12-21	11-24	6-15	12-15	12-21	6-20
Oxyeaster.....	19-54	9-31	17-26	16-27	20-35	20-28	?	28-30	20-30

¹ Diameters, except where stated as "length."

Genus GEODINELLA Lendenfeld

GEODINELLA ROBUSTA Lendenfeld

Geodinella robusta var. *megasterra* LENDENFELD, 1910, p. 205.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 8389.

Type locality.—Albatross Station 2946, off southern California, 270 weters.

Other records.—Lendenfeld describes as varieties of this species other specimens from Vancouver Island to southeastern Alaska.

Description (after Lendenfeld).—Massive, 10 by 16 by 43 mm, dirty white. The surface was covered by a monaxonid sponge, but it shows indications of a spicule plush broken off. The efferent and afferent openings are chones. The cortex, largely sterraster armor, is about 1 mm thick. Spicules: (*a*) Endosomal oxeas up to 0.04 to 0.08 by 2.5 mm; (*b*) plagiomonaenes, rhabds 0.026 to 0.042 by 2.1 mm; (*c*) sterrasters, 0.88 by 0.18 to 0.13 by 0.237 mm; (*d*) strongylospherasters 0.007 to 0.013 mm; (*e*) oxyspherasters to oxy(eu)-asters, 0.009 to 0.038 mm.

Remarks.—This form differs from the common California *Geodias* by lacking the mesotriaenes, which might well be due to accident in collection or misadventure to the growing sponge. It is significant that the specimen had been overgrown by another sponge. It also lacks anatriaenes. My observation is that their occurrence is very patchy; I found them in all my local specimens of *Geodia*, but while in one they were abundant, in another it required careful search to locate any. Its plagioclad spicules are never triaene, according to Lendenfeld, but usually monaene or at most diaene. These modifications are common in *Geodias* along with regular triaenes. Its sterrasters are, according to Lendenfeld's statistics, definitely of a larger size range than for *Geodia mesotriaena*. This, with the other more dubious differences, leads me to treat this provisionally as a separate species.

Family STELLETTIDAE Sollas

Genus STELLETTA O. Schmidt

STELLETTA CLARELLA de Laubenfels

Stelletta clarella DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 25.

Holotype—U.S.N.M. No. 21488; B. M. No. 29.8.22.27.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925, my collecting. Many specimens were examined, as the species is abundant in the Monterey Bay Region. It is frequently found under overhanging ledges near low-tide mark and seems always confined to well-shaded locations.

Description.—Shape, massive to encrusting. Size, up to 7 cm; thick, spreading laterally indefinitely; I have seen encrustations of this species over 40 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy to cartilaginous. Color in life and when preserved, white; usually more or less dirty. Thin sections cut tangent to the surface show it to be packed with the cladomes of the dichotriaenes with the areas between uniformly closed over by flesh. The pores are abundant, 50 μ to

100 μ in diameter when open, and about 200 μ from center to center over almost the entire surface. The oscules are chones, diameter about 500 μ to 600 μ , with the sieve openings 100 μ to 150 μ . Surface superficially very hispid. There is a dense spicule fur 3 mm high, composed of erect spicules. As is often true of tetraxon sponges, this spicule plush renders the sponge more dangerous to touch than a cactus plant; numerous spicules penetrate the skin and are removed only with much pain and difficulty.

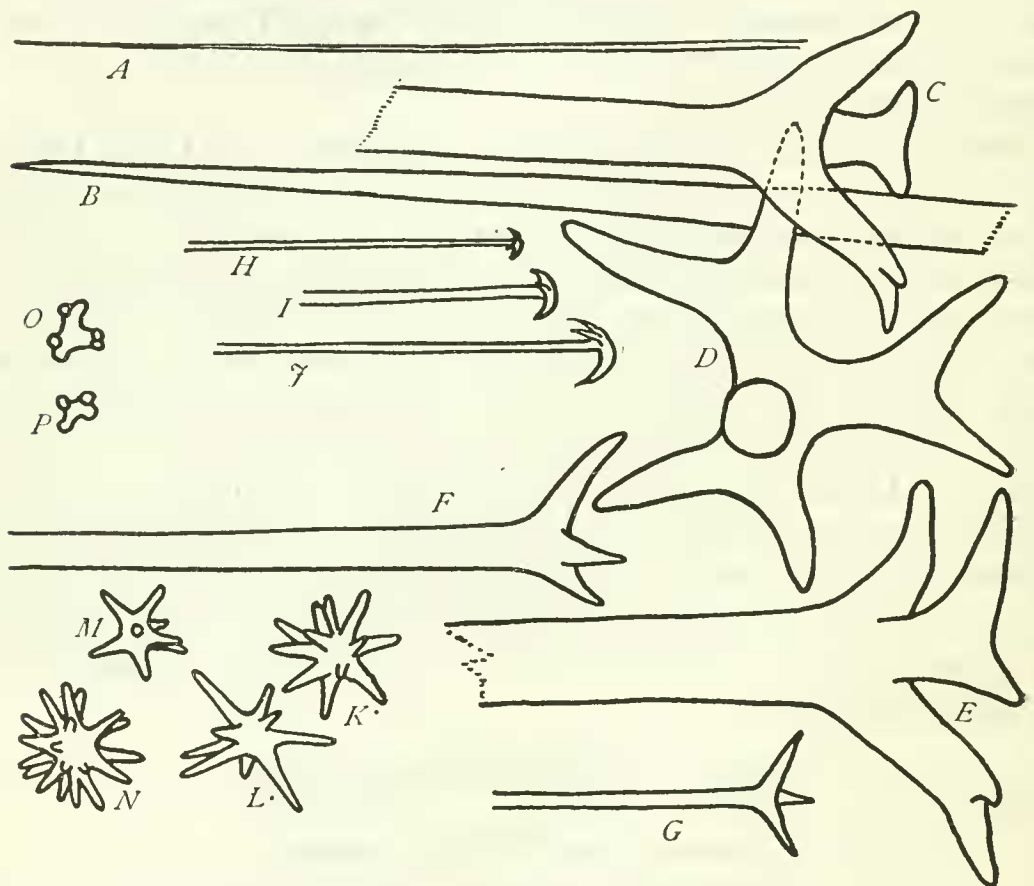


FIGURE 11.—*Stelletta clarella* de Laubenfels: A to G, $\times 80$; others, $\times 1,333$. A, either end of the ectosomal oxea, or the esactinal termination of the anatriaene; B, either end of the endosomal oxea, or the esactinal termination of the plagio spicule; C-G, variations of the principal radiate spicule. Any of this spicule sort may be diaene instead of triaene in this species. The range from orthotriaenes through plagiotriaenes to dichotriaenes is a matter of age; H-J, anatriaenes; K-N, euasters; O, P, siliceous structures

Ectosomal specialization, corticate, cartilaginous, about 1 to 2 mm thick. Endosomal structure, the smaller masses are strongly radiate in structure and even in the larger encrustations the structures within about 1 cm of the surface are strongly marked by fascicular columns of spicules perpendicular to the surface.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 11, B); size about 50 μ by 3,500 μ . Ectosomal spicules, oxeas (fig. 11, A); size about 15 μ by 1,400 μ . Interstitial spicules, anatriaenes (fig. 11, H, I, J); size of rhabds 9 μ by 1,100 μ to 15 μ by 2,000 μ , chords 45 μ to 90 μ . Chief radiate spicules

orthotriaenes to plagiotriaenes to dichotriaenes (fig. 11, *C*); size of rhabds, 20μ by $2,000\mu$ to 100μ by $3,000\mu$, chords 120μ to 180μ . (See below for further details.) Microscleres, euasters (fig. 11, *K*, *L*, *M*, *N*); diameter, 9μ to 15μ . Their rays vary from oxeote to strongylote, and from spiny to smooth; they are located throughout the sponge.

I find also small siliceous structures (fig. 11, *O*, *P*) in some parts of some specimens; these may be malformed microscleres, a second sort of microsclere, or (more probably) foreign inclusions.

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be *S. lendenfeldi* Sollas, 1888, from Australia, which differs in having tylasters; these two and *S. estrella* are unique in the small size of the aquiferous apertures.

Related species of this genus are reported from all parts of the world.

STELLETTA ESTRELLA de Laubenfels

Stelletta estrella DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21399; B.M. No. 29.9.30.10.

Type locality.—Southern California, collected by the University of Southern California, July 10, 1926. Exact locality not known.

Additional material examined.—I collected two specimens at Laguna Beach, intertidal. Two others were dredged by the University of Southern California—one September 26, 1925, near Long Beach, depth 28 meters, the other October 10, 1925, near San Pedro, depth 41 meters.

Description.—Shape, subspherical to massive. Size, up to 5 cm thick and at least 7 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy to cartilaginous. Color in life and when preserved, white, often dirty. Oscules, inconspicuous, diameter about 1 mm; they are merely scattered, simple holes. Pores, at least 130μ diameter, abundant, scattered. Surface, superficially very hirsute, often much covered by foreign material.

Ectosomal specialization, cortical, about 1 mm thick; it is cartilaginous, hyaline, dense, and contains a few asters and is traversed by megascleres. There is a spicule fur, 1 to 3 mm high, of erect spicules, mostly plagiotriaenes with their cladomes far out from the sponge surface. Endosomal structure, fundamentally radiate in plan, though this is obscured in the central portions of older specimens.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 12, *F*, *G*, *H*); size 45μ by $2,600\mu$ to 100μ by $4,000\mu$. Ectosomal spicules, plagiomonaenes, diaenes, or triaenes (fig. 12, *A*, *B*, *C*, *D*, *E*); size of rhabds 9μ to 78μ by $4,000\mu$, chords 35μ to 200μ . The latter two sorts now and then have the dichomodification; some of the larger ones are plagiomesotriaenes.

First microscleres, oxyspheraster (fig. 12, *K, L, M*); diameter $2\frac{1}{2}\mu$ to 12μ . Second microsclere, tylospheraster (fig. 12, *I, J*); diameter, 10μ to 11μ . These are rather uncommon.

Remarks.—This species is peculiar for the very large average size of its megascleres; not many other *Stellettas* have quite such enormous ones. *S. clarella* from central California has a few as large and, like *S. estrella*, has very inconspicuous vents, but the two are separated in many ways. The northern form has chiefly strongly rayed asters; the southern form has few or none of that sort, but

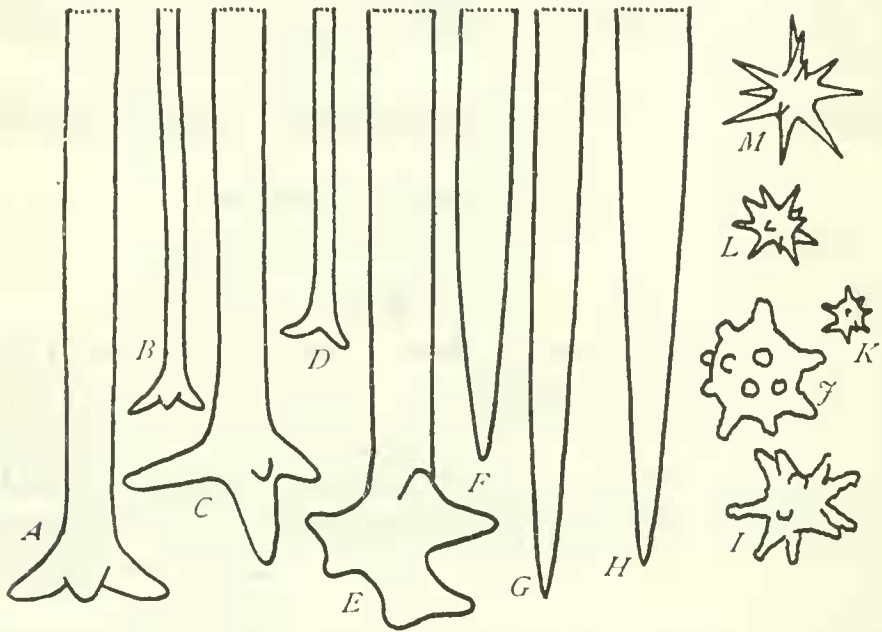


FIGURE 12.—*Stelletta estrella* de Laubenfels: Spicules *A* to *H*, $\times 80$; others, $\times 1,333$. *A-E*, endosomal spicules; *F, G*, and *H*, variation in ends of the axes and esactinal ends of the tetractinal megascleres; *I, J*, tylospherasters; *K-M*, oxyspherasters

instead has two distinct sorts, one with decidedly oxeote and the other with tylote rays. Two other features separate *estrella* not only from *clarella* but indeed from most other *Stellettas*; first, the peculiarly short clads typical of this species, and second, the lack of anatriaenes. That the clads of the plagiotriaenes project beyond the surface is also noteworthy.

Family THENEIDAE Sollas

Genus POECILLA STRA Sollas

POECILLA STRA RICKETTSI¹ de Laubenfels

Poecillastra rickettsi DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21482; B.M. No. 29.8.22.7.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay, Calif., 800 meters; collected by E. F. Ricketts, July, 1925. Notes on other specimens that he col-

¹ Named for E. F. Ricketts, of the Pacific Biological Laboratories, Pacific Grove, Calif.

lected from the same general locality and depth, in May, 1929, are given under Remarks below.

Description.—Shape, various (see discussion below). Size, up to 2 cm thick, 20 cm in diameter. Consistency, fragile, friable. Color in life and when preserved, pale drab. Oscules, skeletal openings, 1 to 2 mm in diameter, and about 2 to 10 to the square centimeter. They are covered with a fenestrated membrane packed with asters, having roundish apertures about 0.4 mm in diameter. They open from subdermal spaces upwards of 1.2 mm in depth into which open numerous afferent pores usually 0.2 to 0.7 mm in diameter. Pores, skeletal openings, about 1 mm in diameter, covered with a fenestrated membrane having apertures 0.1 to 0.2 mm in diameter. The skeletal pores and oscules are roughly outlined (surrounded) by the cladomes of the ectosomal tetraxons. Surface, superficially smooth, with scattered projecting spicules a few millimeters high.

Ectosomal specialization: A dermal membrane about 40μ thick, very fragile and delicate; it contains abundant asters. Endosomal structure "crumb-of-bread," with fascicular tracts of oxeas, others scattered, and abundant scattered calthrops. Many calthrops have three of their rays directly beneath the dermis and parallel to it. Principal tracts (found only running lengthwise of lamellate forms), 100μ to 200μ in diameter.

Principal spicules, calthrops (fig. 13, *A, B, C*); size of rays, 50μ by 450μ to 70μ by 650μ . Interstitial spicules, oxeas, sometimes styles (fig. 13, *D, E, F*); size, about 65μ by $3,700\mu$. Coronal spicules, oxeas (not figured); size, 15μ to 30μ by $17,000\mu$. First microscleres, abundant plesiasters (fig. 13, *J, K*); size of rays, about 6μ to 8μ long, greatest diameter 14μ to 18μ . Some have so few rays that they are microcalthrops. Second microscleres, rare spirasters or metasters (fig. 13, *L, M, N*); length, 10μ to 13μ ; rays about 3μ long. Third microscleres, toxas (fig. 13, *I*); length, about 80μ ; located throughout the sponge. These toxas are, of course, quite probably foreign, yet they are found in every part of the holotype that I have examined. One can hardly believe them proper, yet their occurrence deserves mention. Fourth microscleres, microxeas, 4μ by 170μ to 5μ by 270μ (fig. 13, *G, H*). As many *Pocillastras* have spined microxea, I made an especial examination of these. With very high magnification (more than 1,000 diameters), the surface of these spicules was seen to very minutely roughened. As such roughening might be detected on almost any spicule by sufficient magnification, it is questionable how much taxonomic value it has. These spicules are rather evenly distributed throughout the sponge.

Remarks.—The holotype is of the usual form of *Pocillastra*, with spiculation not greatly differing from *P. compressa*, *P. schultzei*, and

P. laminaris. This shape is found, however, mainly in the largest fragments, some 10 cm in diameter, which seem to have been part of a large platelike growth about 20 cm high; its oscular surface covers most of the concave side. On the small fragments such oscular fields as the following are observed: Oval, 1 by 2 cm and depressed 1 cm; hourglass shaped, each oval 1 by 2.5 cm and depressed 1 cm; oval, 1 by 3.5 cm and depressed 1 cm; triangular, 1 by 1.5 cm and depressed only about 3 mm. It must be stressed that each oscular area was surrounded by a dense coronal palisade of very long spicules, usually very close to 17 mm in length except in the smaller specimens. The function of these seems to be separation of exhalent current from inhalent.

On May 1, 1929, Mr. Ricketts brought up a macerated hexactinellid dictyonine skeleton from very much the same depth and locality as of the type. On it were about a dozen sponges that I iden-

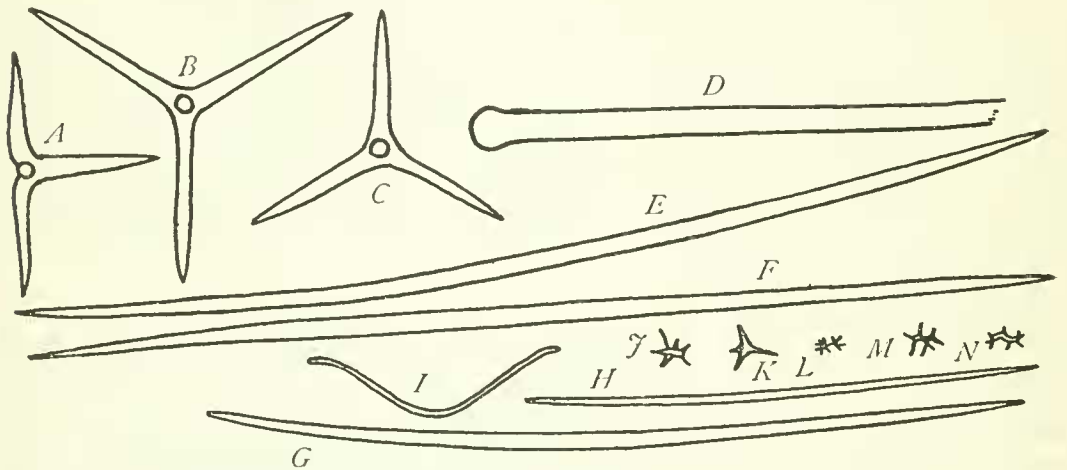


FIGURE 13.—*Pocillastra rickettsi* de Laubenfels: A to F, $\times 14$; others $\times 300$

tify as conspecific here. These are rough cylinders, the largest about 1.5 cm high and 2 cm in diameter, the smallest 1 cm high and 3 mm in diameter. The spiculation is the same, except that I do not find the toxas in them. The oscular areas with covering fenestrated membrane, the convex pore surfaces, and the dense coronal palisades are all the same. The inference is that this species grows to a height of about 1 cm before expanding laterally very much, but that afterwards its growth is almost exclusively horizontal.

Do all *Pocillastras* have such a change of form during their life history? It is to be noted that many of the specimens might fairly be classed as *Sphinctrella*, except that they lack the annulation so characteristic of the spicules of those certainly *Sphinctrella*.

Were the toxas proper, they would be a most striking feature. As it is, the enormous oscular crowns distinguish this species from all others of the genus. *P. laminaris* Sollas (1886, p. 186) from the East Indies is probably the closest, as it had a low (4.5 mm) fringe around its oscular areas.

POECILLAstra tenuilaminaris (Sollas)

Normania tenuilaminaris SOLLAS, 1886, p. 186.

Pocillastra tenuilaminaris SOLLAS, 1888, p. 85.

Holotype.—B.M. No. 89.1.1.31.

Type locality.—Japan.

Material examined.—The specimen described below (U.S.N.M. No. 21400; B.M. No. 29.9.30.9) was trawled by the University of Southern California, June 23, 1916, west of Santa Catalina Island, Calif., depth not given.

Description.—Shape, lamellate. Size, 9 to 13 mm thick and about 10 cm high. Consistency, stiffly fragile. Color in alcohol, drab. Oscules, scattered, on one face only; diameter about 0.9 mm; distance apart, less than 1 cm. Pores, small and scattered, principally or only on the nonoscular face. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, not evident. Endosomal structure, a confused mass of calthrops and oxeas.

Principal spicules, calthrops (fig. 14, C, D,

E); size of rays, about 40μ by 350μ . Interstitial spicules, exeas (fig. 14, A, B); size 35μ by $1,350\mu$ to 45μ by $2,500\mu$. First microscleres, plesiasters (fig. 14, F); length, 20μ to 28μ . Second microscleres, metastasters (fig. 14, L); length, 14μ to 16μ . Third microscleres, microxeas (fig. 14, G); size, about 3μ by 135μ .

Remarks.—This genus is regarded by various authors, for instance, Dendy, as synonymous with *Pachastrella*, but I hold with Wilson (1925) in retaining *Pocillastra*. Many of the species referred to the latter are probably conspecific with *tenuilaminaris*, but, pending a revision of the genus, I make no decisions in this regard but would comment that following such revision it may devolve that some other specific name has priority.

Genus PENARES J. E. Gray

PENARES CORTIUS de Laubenfels

Penares cortius DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21479; B.M. No. 29.8.22.47.

Type locality.—Collected by me at Pescadero Point near Carmel, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925.

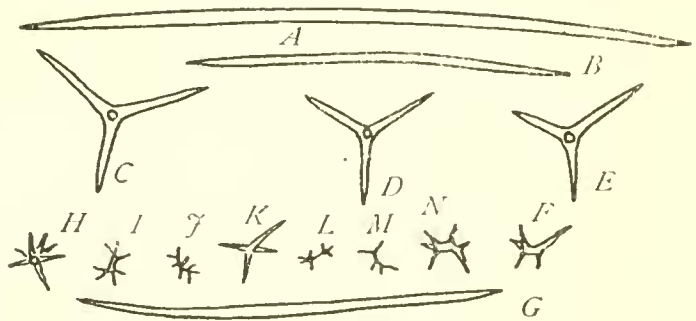


FIGURE 14.—*Pocillastra tenuilaminaris* (Sollas): A–E, megascleres, $\times 14$; lower spicules are the microscleres, $\times 300$. A row of typical asters is shown to illustrate the range of variation from plesiasters almost to spirasters

Additional material examined.—On April 15, 1929, E. F. Ricketts dredged this species in shallow water in Monterey Bay. I collected a third specimen on Monterey Peninsula, intertidal, in the summer of 1930; all three are very similar to one another.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size, 4 cm thick, 10 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre; the ectosome is tough and leathery. Color in life and when preserved, drab, except that in life the ectosome in places is very dark brown, paling after death. Oscules, oval, size about 1 by 2.5 mm; there is one for about every 5 square centimeters.

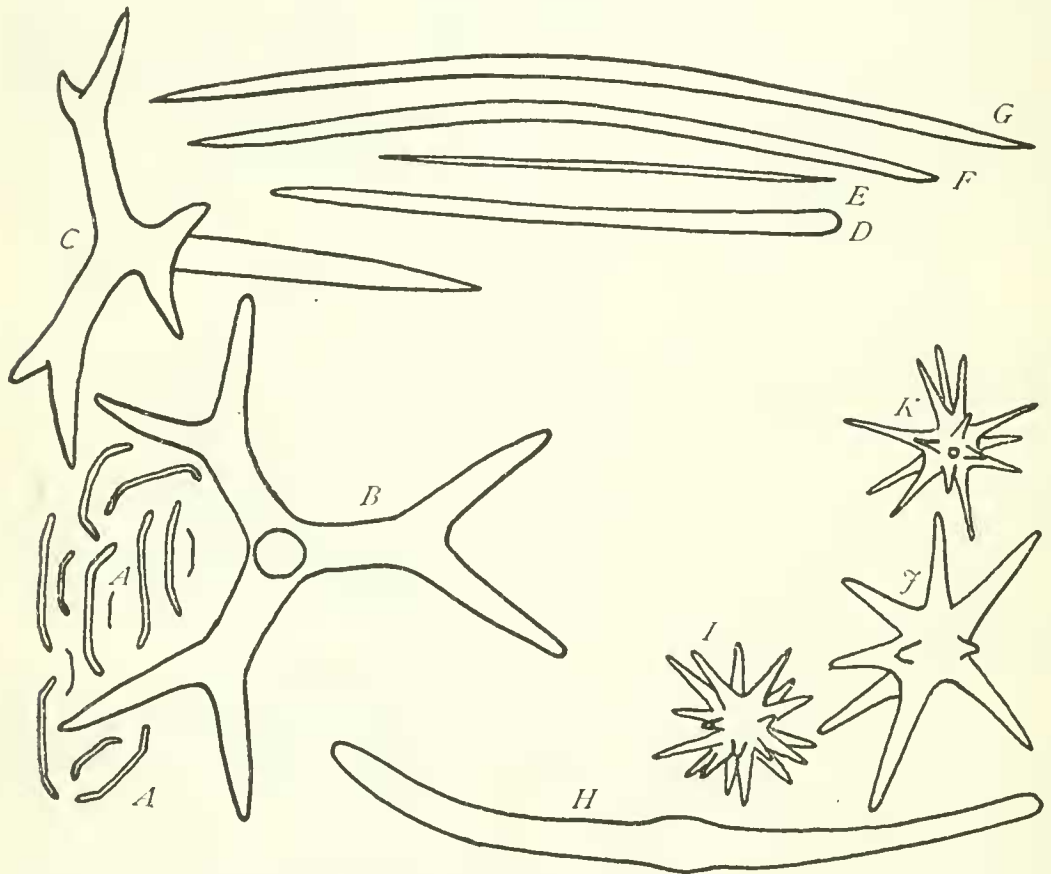


FIGURE 15.—*Penares cortius* de Laubenfels: A-G, $\times 80$; others, $\times 1,333$. A-A, range in size of the peculiar microsclere, to the same scale as the megascleres; H, unusual shape of the same spicules, with the centrotylote modification; B, C, dichotriaenes; D, E, unusual shape and size for the principal spicules; F, G, oxeas; I-K, oxyspherasters

They are often on low prominences about 3 mm high and 10 mm in diameter. Pores, at least 65μ in diameter; spaced about 250μ from center to center. Surface, superficially smooth to minutely punctiform.

Ectosomal structure, a densely felted mass of the bicurvates, containing also the cladomes of the dichotriaenes; thickness about 200μ . This is very easily detachable. Endosomal structure "crumb-of-bread," with evident spicules (diactines) mostly in confusion, but with traces of tracts. Principal, or ascending, tracts, 170μ to 230μ in diameter, fascicular, few and scattered.

Principle spicules, oxeas (fig. 15, *F*, *G*); size, ranging up to 22μ by 950μ . Ectosomal spicules, dichotriaenes (fig. 15, *B*, *C*); size of rhabds, about 50μ by 400μ ; size of clads, including the deuteroclads, up to 50μ by 310μ . First microscleres, bicurvate microstrongyles (fig. 15, *A*); size 3μ by 50μ to 8μ by 160μ ; a very few of the smallest ones are faintly centrotylote. Second microscleres, oxyspherasters (fig. 15, *I*, *J*, *K*); total diameter, 9μ to 25μ , the smaller ones having the more numerous rays.

Remarks.—This species is very sharply set off by the peculiar bicurvates. *P. tyloaster* Dendy, 1924, from New Zealand occasionally has its dermal microscleres twice bent but they are oxea, not strongyles, and the bicurvate form is rare; moreover the asters are tylasters in that species. For further notes see the remarks under *Papyrula saccharis*.

Genus POPYRULA O. Schmidt

POPYRULA SACCHARIS de Laubenfels

Papyrula saccharis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21476; B.M. No. 29.8.22.5.

Type locality.—Collected by me, at Point Pinos, Pacific Grove, Calif., June 29, 1926. Found together with two smaller specimens, lying loose under stones near low-tide mark.

Description.—Shape, massive, rounded. Size, up to 1.5 by 1.5 by 3.5 cm. Consistency, cartilaginous. Color in life and when preserved, white. Oscules, round, with depressed, rounded edges, diameter about 200μ . Pores, of various sizes; some are 65μ to 150μ and perhaps larger. Many openings can not be identified as to whether they are pores or oscules. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a densely felted mass of microxeas, containing also the cladomes of the dichotriaenes; thickness about 100μ . This is not easily detachable. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with spicules not very evident; there is much solid matter as compared to cavity. Histological details: The flagellate chambers are spherical, about 30μ in diameter. There are very definite radiating fascicular tracts of diactines; total tract diameter, about 100μ .

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 16, *E*, *F*, *G*); size ranging up to 22μ by 780μ ; some are modified as styles. Ectosomal spicules, dichotriaenes (fig. 16, *B*, *C*, *D*); size of clads, 10μ by 120μ to 30μ by 210μ , size of rhabds, 20μ by 320μ to 30μ by 435μ . Microscleres, microxeas (fig. 16, *A*); size, 1μ by 35μ to 3μ by 145μ ; a very few are microstrongyles and some are bent once or twice; very rarely they are centrotylote.

Remarks.—This species clearly fits *Papyrula*, which differs from *Penares* only in the lack of the astrose microscleres. Three species previously described may be recognized as belonging here: *Papyrula candidata* O. Schmidt, 1868, from the Mediterranean; *P. hilgendorfi* Thiele, 1898, from Japan; and *P. sphaera* Lendenfeld, 1907, from south of the Cape of Good Hope. Add *P. saccharis* and one has four species whose descriptions permit of no sharp contrasts. I do not believe them synonymous, however; rather I should hazard a guess that all four are juveniles of other species, probably belonging to *Penares*, and in this case *Papyrula* Schmidt, 1868, would fall as

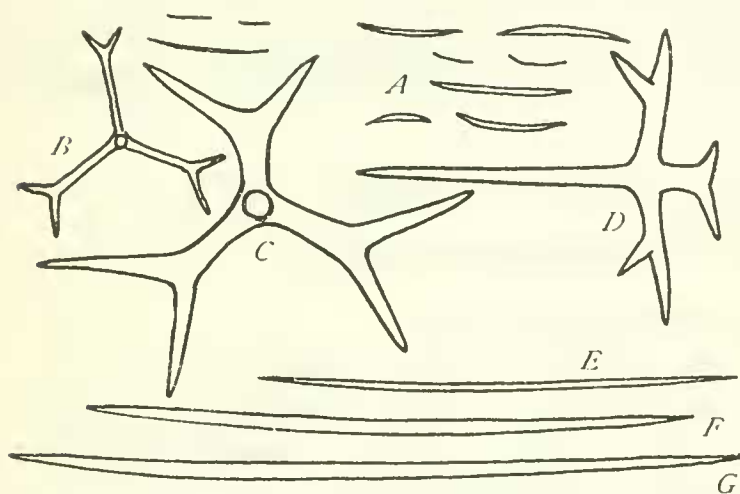


FIGURE 16.—*Papyrula saccharis* de Laubenfels, $\times 80$. Microscleres (microxeas) clustered about A; B-D, dichotriaenes; E-G, oxeas

synonym of *Penares* Gray, 1867. For the present I hold with Wilson (1925, p. 286) in retaining *Papyrula* provisionally. As for the possibility (which I wish to stress) that *saccharis* may prove to be a synonym of *Penares cortius*, I shall make the following comparisons: They differ greatly in color;

noticeably but probably not fundamentally, in surface structure; and further in spiculation. *P. saccharis* lacks the asters, has only rare tetraxon spicules, lacks the twice-bent modification of the microdiactine, and has it oxeote rather than strongylote. On the other hand, in view of the closeness in geographical location, one must stress the great similarity of the megascleres of the two species, the general agreement in cortical structure, and the known fact that certain microscleres may be missing at times although quite characteristic of a species.

Genus DERCITUS J. E. Gray

DERCITUS SYRMATITUS de Laubenfels

Dercitus syrmatitus DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21438; B.M. No. 29.8.22.20.

Type locality.—Laguna Beach, Calif., March 26, 1929, intertidal. Collected by me, one specimen or group of specimens. Habitat is given more in detail under description of endosomal structure.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, see notes below. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization (?). Endosomal structures: What was collected was a mass of sand held together by some slimy material having an odor like that of a keratose sponge, the only reason for suspecting sponge nature. Microscopic study indicates there really may be keratose sponge present, but not in condition to be described. Here and there in between the masses of sand grains are little areas, about 0.2 to 2 mm in greatest diameter, and very amorphous in outline, that are packed with calthrops and myriads of discasterlike microscleres. No further details can be made out.

Principal spicules, calthrops (fig. 17, *B, C, D*); size of rays, 3μ by 25μ to 10μ by 80μ ; one ray may be missing, leaving triods. The rays are commonly 8μ by 65μ , but one or two are commonly longer than the others. Microscleres, very abundant, discasters (?) or sani-

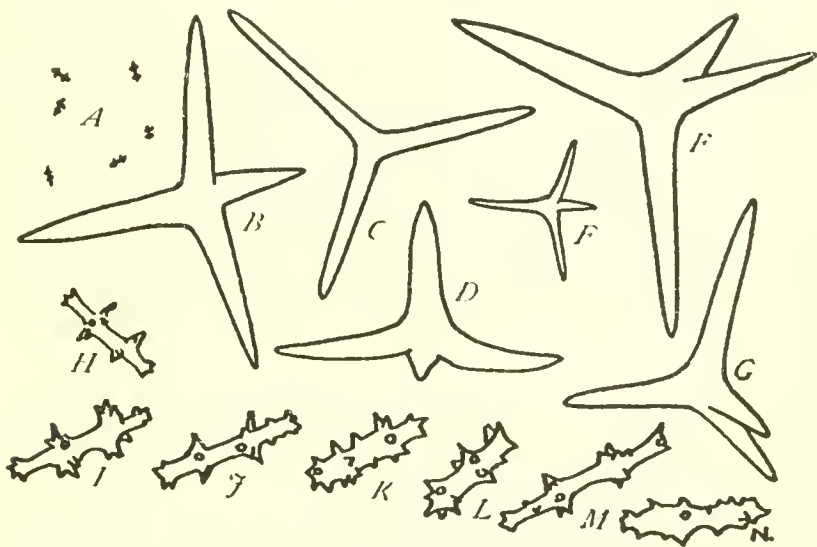


FIGURE 17.—*Dercitus syrmatitus* de Laubenfels: A-G, $\times 300$; H, $\times 1,333$; I-N, $\times 1,500$

dasters (fig. 17, *H-N*); length, 8μ to 12μ . Some are so irregularly spiny as to resemble acanthomicrostrongyles, but most have two decided nodes, and many resemble the spicule type termed by Dendy (1921, p. 121) as discorhabd.

Remarks.—The previously described species of *Dercitus* are often regarded as all synonymous with the genotype, *Dercitus bucklandi* McAndrew-Bowerbank, 1861 (about p. 235).² Its microscleres are about three times as long as those of *syrmatitus* and lack the nodal arrangement that makes those of the latter become discasters. Its megascleres include oxneas, and its calthrops have ray dimensions nearly four times those of *syrmatitus*, so that their mass must be 50 times as great. In fact, the California species seems to show close

² The name *bucklandi*, first used (loc. cit.) as *Halina bucklandi*, may there be a *nomen nudem*, in which case the name should date from its use by Bowerbank, 1866, p. 226, as *Hymeniacidon bucklandi*. *Dercitus* was erected for it by Gray, 1867, p. 542. For the synonymization referred to, see Topsent, 1894.

relationship to the Homosclerophora. Toxas were found in *bucklandi*, and I can report a few in *syrmatitus*, but I consider them in both cases foreign inclusions, as were certainly three chelas of two different sorts, five sigmas, and some broken tylostyles that were in *syrmatitus*.

Family TETILLIDAE Sollas

Genus TETILLA O. Schmidt

TETILLA MUTABILIS de Laubenfels

Tetilla mutabilis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21498; B.M. No. 29.8.22.33.

Type locality.—Newport Harbor, near San Pedro, Calif., November, 1924, collected by me. The species occurs near, often just below, extreme low-tide mark.

Occurrence.—I know of no specimens of the sponge from any other locality than the mud flats around Balboa Island in Newport Harbor. The massive forms lie loose on the soft mud, the clavate forms seem to have been attached to small shells or other solid objects. In November, 1924, I found the massive form amazingly abundant, mostly sponges the size of a fist or larger, and nearly every square meter had a specimen; there must have been literally bushels in sight.

In June, 1926, a visit to the same locality failed to yield a single specimen, in spite of a careful search at a very low tide, but in November, 1926, the species had again become common. Hard rains occur in this vicinity during winter, and it would seem probable that the great influx of fresh water, which then, but only then, runs into this harbor, would greatly lower the salt content over these flats. A rain at low tide would drench the sponges then exposed.

Description.—Shape, pedunculate-clavate to irregularly massive. Size, up to 8 cm high and 15 cm in diameter. Consistency, moderately spongy to cartilaginous. Color in life, dull red with greenish glints (due to algae?); dry, gray; in alcohol, dull red. Oscules, oval, flush, about 2 mm in diameter; usually several centimeters apart. Pores, well under 100μ in diameter, very difficult to find. Surface, superficially hirsute with repent, exceedingly thin spicules matted or felted together.

Ectosomal specialization, not evident, other than that mentioned above. Endosomal structure:

I. Structure of clavate form. My largest specimen of this form was 22 mm high and 12 mm in diameter. Those of this form are typically much smaller than that. There is a central axis about 500μ thick, through stem and body, consisting of densely packed

spicules with little protoplasm. In the body this is surrounded by gross chambers 1 to 2 mm in cross section diameter, and much longer in the direction of the axis of the sponge. In one specimen at least there are just four of these, very symmetrically arranged. The outer wall around the above described structure is about 1 mm thick, and like the partitions is packed with felted, interlaced spicules in confusion. The surface, as mentioned above, is thickly studded with protriaenes, clads outward, arranged to a certain extent in brushes but not erect. One may presume the inhalent openings lie between these tufts. The oscule is often apical in this form. Several sponges of this form were collected by the University of Southern California on November 28, 1914 (U.S.N.M. No. 21389) and by myself (the specimens unfortunately were lost) in the autumn of 1923. On both these occasions the massive form was present in greater abundance than the clavate.

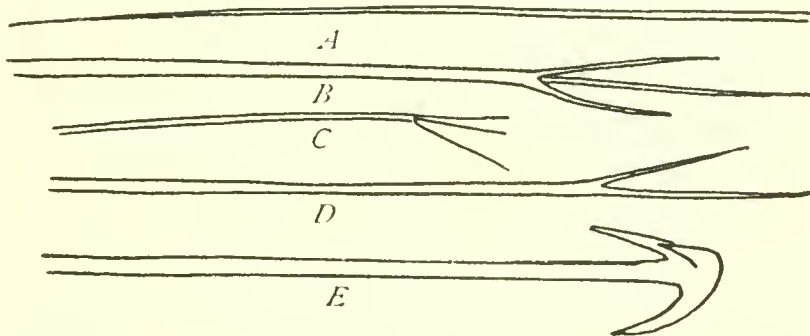


FIGURE 18.—*Tetilla mutabilis* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$. A, Either end of the oxeas, or the esactinal end of any of the triaenes; B-D, prodiaenes and protriaenes; E, anatriaenes

II. Structure of the massive form: Unlike most *Tetillas* there is no central or radiate skeleton, instead the spicules are matted together in sheets or walls around gross chambers. The surface, as mentioned above, is crowded with brushes of spicules, usually lying almost flat and practically never erect.

Ectosomal spicules, prodiaenes and protriaenes (fig. 18, B, C, D); rhabd diameter, 1μ to 6μ ; clad length, 30μ to 90μ ; chords, 20μ to 40μ . Endosomal spicules, filiform oxeas (fig. 18, A); size 2μ by $(?)\mu$ to 9μ by $2,000\mu$. Auxiliary spicules, anatriaenes (fig. 18, E); rhabd diameter, 3μ to 7μ ; clad length, 20μ to 30μ ; chords, 30μ to 40μ ; rare and location in sponge not certain.

For all the above spicules, it will be noted there are few data as to total lengths. This follows from the fact that in spite of utmost care, it seems impossible to mount total spicules for this species. They are not only exceedingly thin, long, and brittle, but also are so interlaced that in disengaging any they are inevitably broken. I should estimate that they were frequently over a centimeter long and perhaps 2 or 3 cm.

Remarks.—The lack of spicules thicker than 9μ is one of the most distinctive features about *mutabilis*, the great rarity of the anatriaenes perhaps even more so. The most of the species of this genus have strongly radiate architecture, sigmoid microscleres, and papillate surface.

Although it is found concurrently with the massive form, I incline to believe the clavate form the juvenile of the massive. It is strongly suggestive of *Tetilla radiata* Selenka (1879, p. 467), from Rio de Janeiro, which also lacked microscleres, and is probably its closest relative.

TETILLA ARB de Laubenfels

Tetilla arb DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 36.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21496; B.M. No. 29.8.22.44.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point near Carmel, Calif., July, 1925, intertidal, collected by the author. Numerous specimens were examined, all from central California, as this is a rather common species there. It grows usually on the under sides of overhanging rocks, but I found one specimen lying unattached under a boulder.

Description.—Shape, subspherical. Size, up to 5 cm high, 8 cm in diameter. Consistency, firm, cartilaginous. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, diameter about 3 mm; surrounded by a palisade of densely packed spicules. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially hirsute, with a spicule plush about 3 mm high.

Ectosomal specialization, corticate, 0.5 to 1.4 mm thick. I see no fibers in it, no tangential spicules, but abundant microscleres. Most of the spicules that project beyond it seem to be protriaenes. They might be considered as chiefly cortical. The outer portions of the cortex contain many cells with conspicuous dark granules. Endosomal structure, cartilaginous, crowded with radially arranged spicules. The axial region is almost solid spicule. Histological details: As is common, the cells proper are well under 15μ in size. There are present, scattered in the flesh of at least one of the specimens of *Tetilla arb*, large bodies about 60μ by 100μ in cross section, resembling cells. These may be large ova or small embryos.

First spicules, filiform oxeas (fig. 19, *B, C*); size 9μ to 50μ in diameter; length certainly several millimeters, probably 2 or 3 cm. Second spicules, anatriaenes (fig. 19, *D, E*); chords, 50μ to 90μ ; rhabds, usually but 6μ to 12μ in diameter; length, probably more than 10 mm. Their cladomes usually lie just below the surface. Third spicules, protriaenes (fig. 19, *F, G, H, I*); chords, 8μ to 30μ rhabd diameter, 2μ to 12μ ; length up to at least 32.4 mm as based on one of which I was able to make accurate measurement. In the sponge they are so densely packed it is difficult to say where one begins and another ends; disengaged they are usually broken.

Maximum lengths are probably more than 5 cm. Many of the spicules seem to reach from the center of the sponge to a point several millimeters past the surface of the sponge, from which circumstance one is led to conclude that they may continue growth as the sponge enlarges, and that this increment must be added only at the deeply embedded end. Microscleres, spiny sigmas (fig. 19, *A*, *J*–*O*); length, 7μ to 9μ , located throughout the sponge. Only with oil immersion can they be seen to be microspined. One end is often slightly tylote; sometimes both ends are. This spicule need only have somewhat large spines to become a spiraster.

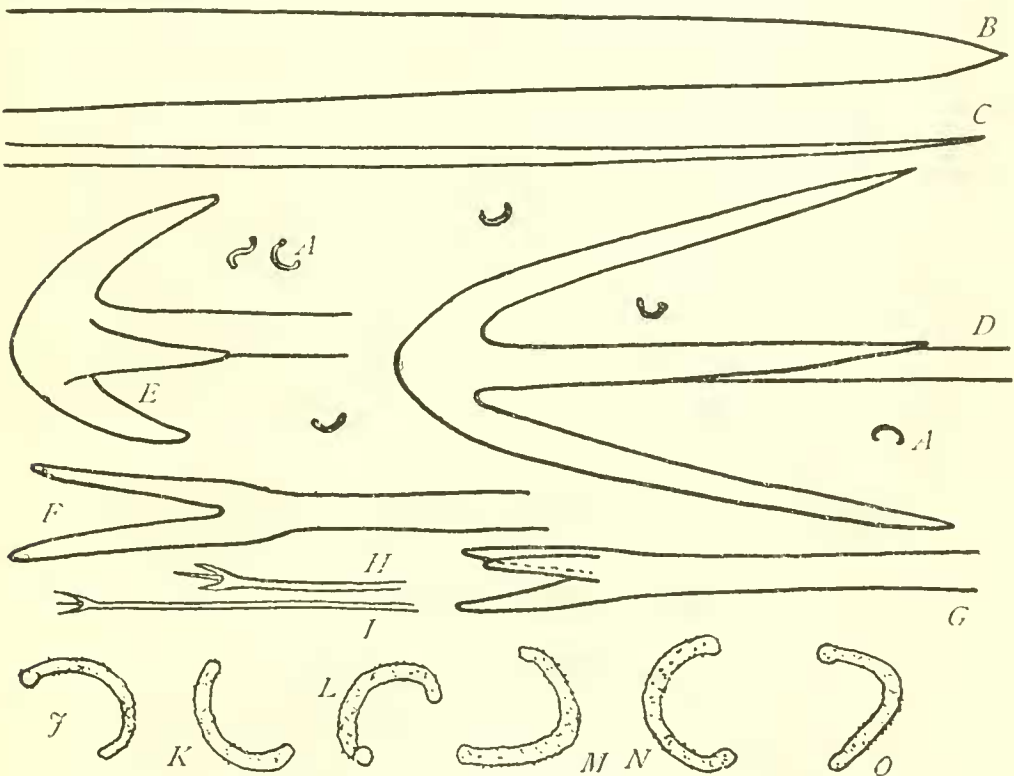


FIGURE 19.—*Tetilla arb* de Laubenfels: *A*–*I*, $\times 300$; others, $\times 1,333$. *C*, termination of the more slender sort of oxea, and of the esactinal ends of the triaenes

Remarks.—Lambe (1893, pp. 34, 35), records two *Tetillas* from the vicinity of Vancouver Island, but neither seems at all close to the California species. Both the Canadian forms had the special dermal oxea for which certain recent authorities (see George and Wilson, 1921) would retain *Craniella*; their placement and size of spicules are also consistently different. For example, *T. spinosa*, the one of more southerly distribution of the two, has its megascleres in a whorled or spiral placement, and microscleres half again as long as in *T. arb*. For both of Lambe's species he mentions no spines on the microscleres, nor the tylote endings, but his figure for *T. spinosa* seems to show such. Both his species have conspicuously villous or conulose surfaces, strikingly absent in the California forms.

I agree with all recent writers in merging *Tethyopsilla* with *Tetilla*, from which it differed only in lack of microscleres. It is

very evident that microscleres are easily lost. I also merge *Craniella*, because of the difficulty of being sure whether one has a special type of oxea in the ectosome. Lambe seems confident his species are so supplied. There may be such in the California forms, but in such small numbers that they are overlooked; further, rather smaller oxeas do occur in the interior of the sponge most certainly; and still further, all the *Tetilla* megascleres are so easily broken that the whole problem of identification of special categories is most difficult. From many published descriptions one can not be sure that each *Tetilla* is not perhaps a *Craniella*. The two groups are so similar in other respects that their combination seems to me most advisable. *Cinachyra*, on the other hand, seems a well-marked genus, and the interests of convenience would appear served by its retention. This leaves about 71 species for *Tetilla*, all of which are very like one another. They have almost identical megascleres and general plan. The principal differences are in ectosomal structure, and in the microscleres. The latter are so small that some earlier workers with poor microscopical equipment may have described them inadequately. I find very few other species with the thin, even ectosomal structure, and none with well-described microscleres exactly like those of *T. arb.*

Order HADROMERINA Topsent

Family TETHYIDAE Gray

Genus TETHYA Lamarck

TETHYA AURANTIA (Pallas) CALIFORNIANA, new variety

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21495; B.M. No. 29.8.22.15.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., July 25, 1926, intertidal, collected by the author. Numerous other specimens were examined, especially in the collections dredged by the University of Southern California (U.S.N.M. Nos. 21390, 21411, and 21415), from shallow water in southern California. There is frequently a dense coating of diatoms and green algae over the surface of this variety.

Description.—Shape, hemispherical to ovate-stipitate. Size, up to 5 cm high, 3 cm in diameter. Consistency, moderately spongy. Color in life, yellow; preserved, it is drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially warty with mushroom-shaped elevations about 2 mm high, crowded over the upper portion.

Ectosomal specialization, cortical, about 1 mm thick. Endosomal structure, fleshy, permeated by radiate fascicular tracts. Principal, or ascending, tracts 250 μ to 800 μ in diameter, packed with spicules, the more pointed end usually toward the surface.

Principal spicules, fusiform strongyles (fig. 20, *A*); size, 6μ by 500μ to 40μ by $3,000\mu$. Secondary spicules, tylostrongyles (not figured); size, about 30μ by $1,300\mu$. First microscleres, spherasters (fig. 20, *B*, *D*, *E*, *F*); diameter, up to at least 66μ . Second microscleres, tylasters (fig. 20, *C*, *H*, *I*, *J*); diameter, up to at least 27μ . Third microscleres, much smaller asters (fig. 20, *G*); size, diameter about 8μ ; these may be juvenile stages of either of the two preceding sorts.

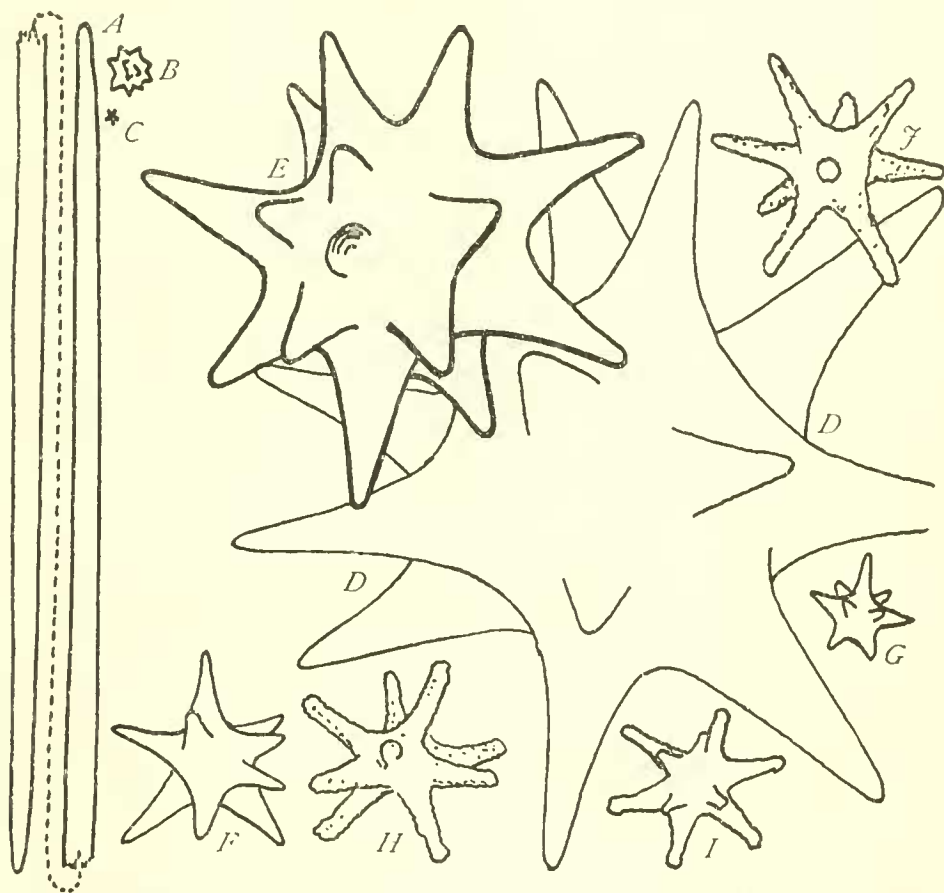


FIGURE 20.—*Tetlya aurantia* (Pallas) *californiana*, new variety; *A*–*C*, $\times 80$; others, $\times 1,333$

Remarks.—This form is very close to the type variety, which is European (first described after 1758 as *Alcyonium aurantium* by Pallas, 1766), from which it differs in larger average spicule size and preponderance of the strongyle instead of style among the megascleres.

Family TIMEIDAE Topsent

Genus TIMEA J. E. Gray

TIMEA AUTHIA de Laubenfels

Timea authia DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21499; B.M. No. 29.8.22.22.

Type locality.—Laguna Beach, Calif., March 14, 1926, intertidal, only one specimen, collected by me.

Description.—Shape, amorphous, massive, encrusting. Size, 2.5 mm thick, 3 or 4 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre, spongy, fragile. Color in life, orange; preserved, drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially between smooth and minutely tuberculate.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane about 80μ thick, not detachable, containing characteristic dark cells. Endosomal structure, fleshy; the canals are few and inconspicuous, asters are very abundant, and there are scattered tracts as described below. At the surface the tracts spread into terminal brushes. Principal, or ascending, tracts 100 to 125μ in diameter, consisting of densely

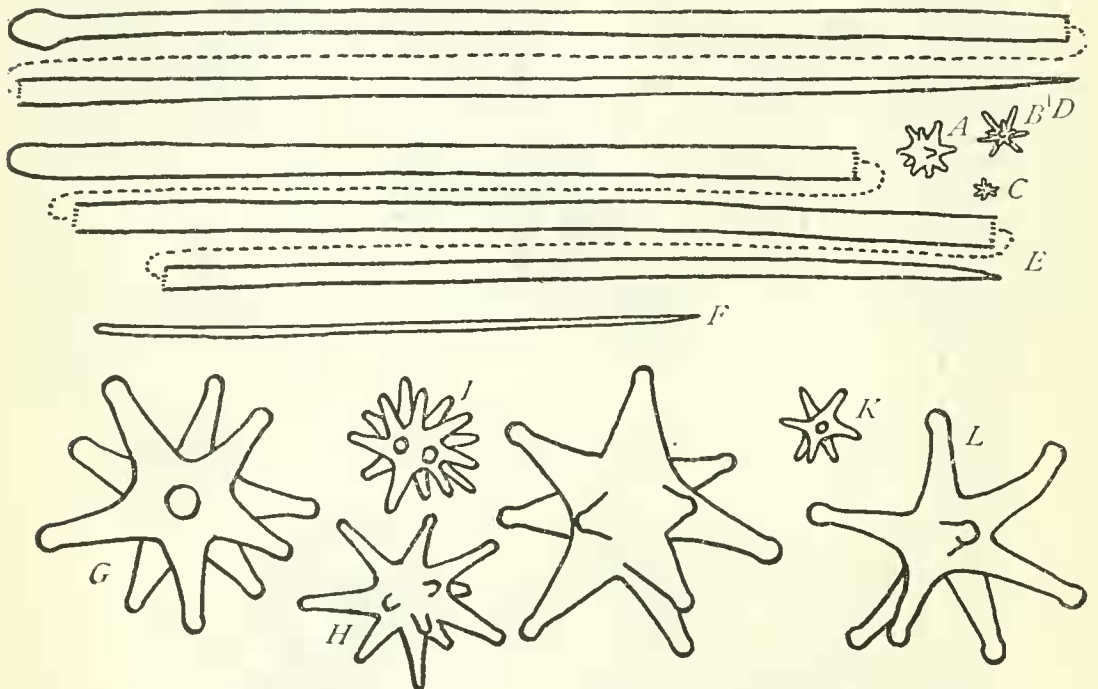


FIGURE 21.—*Timea authia* de Laubenfels: A–F, $\times 300$; others, $\times 1,333$

packed monaxons, points upward. These tracts ascend to the surface at an angle. They are about 600μ apart.

Principal spicules tylostyles (fig. 21, D); size, about 10μ by 770μ . Secondary spicules, styles (fig. 21, E, F); size, 4μ by 200μ to 11μ by 840μ . Microscleres, tylasters (figs. 21, A, B, C, G–L); diameter, 6μ to 23μ , located throughout the sponge. These spicules vary from smooth to minutely roughened. Some have 20 to 30 rays, others 10 or less. Some are so enlarged at the base that the appearance is of spherasters, others clearly have no centrum. The tylote termination seems consistently present.

Remarks.—*Timea* Gray (1867, p. 544), type *T. stellata*, receives as synonym *Columnitis* Schmidt (1870, p. 25), type *C. squamata*, and both are often merged in further synonymy with *Tethya*. After a study of the California specimens of each, I feel it most accurate to retain *Timea* and *Tethya* separate. Local conditions are so very

favorable to the encrusting form that almost every sponge here is encrusting, yet our *Tethyas* are at least massive and hemispherical. The sponges properly referable to *Timea* seem to be merely encrusting in whatever part of the world they occur. The typical spicule in *Tethya* is a fusiform strongyle, which varies toward being a tylostrongyle or style, but is very large, usually around 25μ by $2,000\mu$. The principal *Timea* spicule is a sharp-pointed, large-headed tylostyle, about 10μ by 500μ to 800μ . The principal microsclere of *Tethya* is a very large spheraster, usually about 75μ in diameter. The asters of *Timea* are characteristically well under 25μ in diameter.

Timea as here understood comprises beside *T. authia* at least the following:

Hymedesmia stellata Bowerbank (1866, p. 150), from Great Britain, with tylostyles about 10μ by 500μ and strongylasters all about 13μ in diameter.

Columnitis squamata Schmidt (1870, p. 25), from the West Indies, with tylostyles and with tylasters, oxyasters, and roughened strongylasters. Schmidt gives no spicule measurements but from his figure one can deduce the megascleres are well under a millimeter long.

Donatia parasitica Higgin (1877, p. 5), from the West Indies, with tylostyles 7μ by 500μ , rough tylasters 12μ , and spherasters (?) 25μ .

Timea tetractis Hentschel (1912, p. 322), from the south Pacific with tylostyles up to 7μ by 520μ , strongylasters up to 12μ , and roughened oxyasters with very few rays, 15μ to 31μ .

Family CLIONIDAE Gray

Genus CLIONA Grant

CLIONA CELATA Grant CALIFORNIANA, new variety

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21437; B.M. No. 29.8.22.52.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., February 7, 1929, intertidal, boring in the shells of dead barnacles.

Additional material examined.—The species is moderately common in the shells of *Haliotis rufescens* that are collected near Monterey at depths of 1 to 20 meters.

Description.—Shape, amorphous, boring, making tunnels about 1 mm in diameter, and proliferating out of them in masses. Size, the masses are well over 10 mm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life, yellow; preserved, drab. Oscules, minute; on papillate projections in the boring form. Pores, minute; on papillate projections in the boring form. Surface, superficially smooth, but not even, very irregular.

Ectosomal specialization, insignificant. Endosomal structure, fleshy, with spicules in confusion.

Principal spicules, tylostyles (fig. 22); size 2μ by 200μ to 9μ by 270μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be the type species, which is European. The variety *californiana* differs in having spicules that average about one-fourth smaller than those of the European form, and in lacking the spicules (often found in the type variety) in which the head is so reduced that they are merely styles, not tylostyles. Furthermore, I can not record the small oxeas



FIGURE 22.—*Cliona celata* Grant, $\times 300$

and spirasters of the type variety, but this has no significance taxonomically, because they often can not be found even in European specimens, being normally scarce and easily overlooked.

Genus SPHECIOSPONGIA Marshall

SPHECIOSPONGIA CONFOEDERATA de Laubenfels

Sphaciospongia confederata DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21487; B. M. No. 29.8.22.50.

Type locality.—As noted below, there was a large mass of this sponge at Point Pinos near Pacific Grove, Calif.; the holotype was taken from it.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size: The largest specimen is only about 12 cm in diameter, but the mass in the field was 14 cm thick and 70 cm in diameter, with a central hollow where lay two large sea urchins (*Stongylocentrodus franciscanus*); it would seem that the sponge grew around them. This was among granite boulders, exposed to violent wave action, and out of water only at very low tides. This or a similar mass had been there four years that I know of, and longer according to Prof. W. K. Fisher. It had become appreciably larger throughout the years, but the exact rate of growth can not be given. Consistency, firm, slightly compressible. Color in life: Under water, creamy gray; out of water, dull, purplish leaden gray; in an aquarium the pore areas became lavender, the rest of the surface yellow. On subsequent days the appearance of the pore area was frequently rich brown, on account of coatings of diatoms apparently fil-

tered out of the running sea water. These coatings were washed off by a stronger current directed across them. The second day in the aquarium, areas adjacent to the cuts made in detaching the specimen turned dull brown, as did bits plunged in formalin. On this day the areas formerly lavender were clear blue. On the third day in the aquarium the yellow areas were more ochraceous than before. The oscules still opened and closed vigorously. On the sixth day the latter evidence of vitality was still in evidence, but on the seventh the oscules were closed and remained closed. On the twelfth day there was still no odor of putrefaction, but a funguslike growth, or filamentous bacteria, attacked the cut areas. On the thirteenth day the entire specimen was a dull drab and was dead or nearly so. The dried specimen became dull yellow, the alcohol specimen, dull brown. Oscules, largely grouped on the summit, and when fully open nearly 10 mm in diameter. They are very readily closed by sphinctrate tissue about them. Into many of them hung fleshy, membranous sleeves, of very perplexing function. Why they did not act as valves and close the oscule is a mystery. Perhaps in life, with a strong current, they project as oscular chimneys; if so, they would protrude 2 or 3 cm. The aquarium specimen showed no strong oscular current, but much evidence of strong inhalent current. This is probably because the exhalent current had much larger exit at the cut surface than at the oscules. There were amoeboid cells and a few spicules scattered in the otherwise homogeneous structure of these membranous sleeves. Pores, in pore areas several centimeters square. The pore canal is typically 1.5 to 3 mm. in diameter. It is closed on the surface by a sieve with 3 to 6 round openings about 300μ in diameter. In the area between the pores and the oscules were a few scattered round openings about 1 mm in diameter. I could not determine whether they were inhalent or exhalent. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, the surface for a depth of about 2 mm is densely packed with spicules, the outer ones arranged points outward as in *Suberites*, but they are not smaller than the endosomal spicules. Endosomal structure, resembling nonboring examples of *Cliona*, with some very large cloacal canals nearly 1 cm in diameter, and with woody tracts of spicules about 2 mm in diameter making a vague reticulation.

Spicules, tylostyles (fig. 23); size, 14μ by 300μ to 13μ by 310μ . A very few are much thinner and somewhat shorter, these are evidently developmental stages. The uniformity in size of the spicules in general is very remarkable.

Remarks.—Lamarck (1815, p. 78) described *Alcyonium vesparium*. I have examined his specimens at the Paris Museum and unhesitatingly identify them with a common West Indian species with which I have had much field experience. His type specimen was of dubious locality, but his other two were clearly labeled as West Indian. This species can be readily recognized by the peculiar structure of its pores.

I found specimens clearly of this species labeled *Suberites* in the Berlin Museum. I heard of French specimens labeled *Hardwickia*. It is probably the species referred to by Duchassaing and Michelotti (1864, p. 85) as *Thalysias vespara*. Bowerbank (1872, p. 126) described it as *Hymeniacidon pulvinatus*. I have seen his specimens in the British Museum, and they are clearly *vespara*. Schmidt (1870, p. 48), described it as *Papillina cribrosa*. I have studied his type at Strasbourg and there is no question about it. Carter (1879, p. 348)

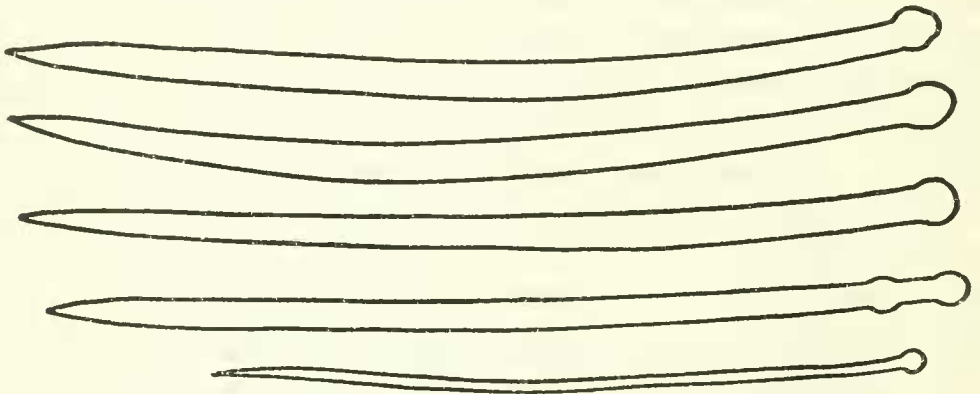


FIGURE 23.—*Spheciospongia confederata* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

referred to this species (from Bowerbank's specimen) as *Spongia dysoni*. Marshall (1892, p. 32) made it the type of a genus *Spheciospongia* for its peculiar pore structure, basing his work on Lamarck's specimens. Verrill (1907, p. 342) made it the type of a genus *Heterocliona*, using Schmidt's description. George and Wilson (1921, p. 135) described it as *Spirastrella andrewsi*, and later (p. 139) as *Poterion atlantica*. I have studied the specimens in the United States National Museum and am positive of the identification. (All the specimens are labeled *Spirastrella andrewsi*.) There is so much resemblance to Bowerbank's genus *Raphyrus* that one is tempted to call this *Uliona*, except for the lack of evidence, even in the smallest youngest specimens, of any boring ability or tendency, and for the peculiar pore structures. Two genera that are probably not valid, but that might have been used here, are *Osculina* and *Rhaphiophora*; nevertheless, the list of generic designations is rather complete, at least 10 or 11 having been employed.

This species is of peculiar interest because it is the largest sponge in the world. I have frequently found examples nearly a meter in diameter and they are on definite record as of nearly 3 meters in diameter.

The Californian representative of this remarkable genus (*Sphaciospongia confederata*) resembles *vespara* in many ways. It is significant that it is one of our largest local sponges. The species *vespara* has the same most remarkable kaleidoscopic color changes, and the same architecture, but differs in having a few dermal spirasters in some specimens and in having (at least in mature specimens) much coarser pore structure.

Many species described as *Spirastrella* are probably rather closely related here. Other relatives are incorrectly described as *Suberites*, which is properly a genus of compact, nonfibrous sponges with a special dermal armor of outwardly pointing tylostyles smaller than those of the endosome.

Family POLYMASTIIDAE Vosmaer

Genus POLYMASTIA Bowerbank

POLYMASTIA PACHYMASTIA, new species

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 22062; B.M. No. 30.10.8.5.

Type locality.—The holotype was collected by me at Point Lobos, south of Carmel, Calif., intertidal, July 12, 1930. A second specimen, presented to Prof. Harold Heath, of Stanford University, was trawled near Point Sur by a fisherman, August 20, 1929, depth not known.

Description.—Shape, massive with digitate protrusions 7 to 10 by 170 mm. The holotype was about 2.5 cm in diameter, with 3 fistules; the second specimen was about 3 by 6 by 6 cm, with 14 fistules. Consistency, woody. Color in life, bright yellow. No oscules were in evidence, and the pores were closed. The surface of the fistules was smooth, but that of the main mass was coarsely hispid.

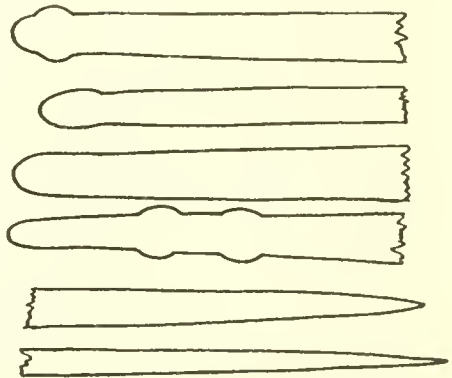


FIGURE 24.—*Polymastia pachymastia*, new species, $\times 300$. Only heads and points of spicules are shown

Ectosomal specialization, in the form of a cortexlike rind, 1.5 mm thick and densely packed with spicules both perpendicular and parallel to the surface. It contains the extremities of the fascicular columns, and there are smaller tylostyles in their terminal brushes, points outward. Over the main mass of the sponge a spicule fur

projects about 1 mm beyond the surface. Endosome, a fleshy basis permeated by radially arranged fascicular columns of spicules, the entire column being approximately 200μ in diameter.

The spicules are chiefly tylostyles, of all sizes up to 7μ in diameter by $2,000\mu$ or more in length. Some are merely styles, and in others the globular swelling is not quite at the head of the spicule. These tylote swellings may be multiple, two or more to the spicule.

Remarks.—The present species is remarkable for the very short, large fistules. Within the genus *Polymastia* they are much longer and thinner as a rule than in *pachymastia*, and they often have an oscule at the distal extremity. It is probable that these projections are in all cases to be regarded as sieves protecting the exhalent apertures from invaders. In the walls of the fistules the tracts crisscross to make gratings, in some cases in very regular patterns. *P. pachymastia* is also marked off from most members of the genus by the very great length of its spicules and by the relative scarcity in its ectosome of shorter tylostyles.

Family SUBERITIDAE Gray

Genus FICULINA J. E. Gray

FICULINA SUBEREA (Johnston) LATA (Lambe)

Suberites latus LAMBE, 1892, p. 71.

Suberites suberca LAMBE, 1894, p. 126.

Holotype.—In the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.

Type locality.—The west coast of Canada.

Material examined.—One specimen (U.S.N.M. No. 21443; B.M. No. 29.8.22.51) was found in the wrack at Asilomar, near Pacific Grove, Calif., July, 1925; another was dredged by the University of Southern California, September 24, 1924, from 36 meters, south of the breakwater at San Pedro (U.S.N.M. No. 21396).

Description.—Shape, massive, subhemispherical. Size, 3 cm in diameter. Consistency, firm, slightly compressible. Color in life, bright orange; preserved, pale drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization: Smaller spicules that are otherwise like the endosomal ones are packed together—points outward and in a (curved) plane, heads not so even because of variations in spicule length. Endosomal structure, fleshy, with spicules in confusion. There is a high ratio of solid matter as compared to cavity.

Principal spicules, tylostyles (fig. 25), size, 5μ by 70μ to 12μ by 590μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be the type variety, which is British and which differs in having spicules that

average smaller and in being normally red or white rather than golden.

Lambe, 1892 (p. 71), described *Suberites latus* from the west coast of Canada. In 1894 (p. 127), he redescribed his specimens, identifying them as *Suberites suberea* Johnston. Since our Californian specimens agree with his in having consistently larger average size of spicules than the British form, it seems wise to retain Lambe's original designation as subspecific. Topsent in 1900 referred Lambe's species to *Ficulina*.

Suberites dates from Nardo (1833, p. 523), and was based on *domunculus* of Olivi, a well-known Mediterranean form. *Ficulina* dates from Gray (1867, p. 523), and was based on *ficus*, a well-known British form. The name *ficus* was employed by Pallas (1766, about p. 356), but his description and locality reference show clearly

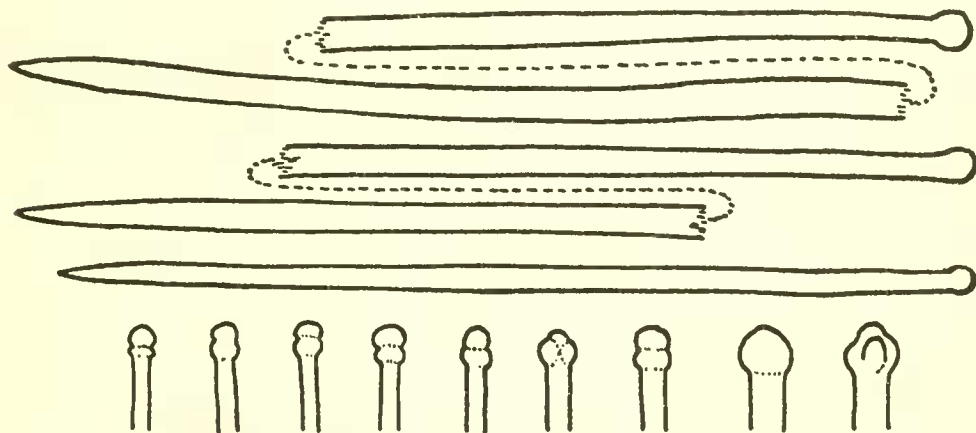


FIGURE 25.—*Ficulina suberea* (Johnston) *lata* (Lambe), $\times 300$. Three complete typical spicules, and the heads of nine others to illustrate variations, are shown

that he referred by the name both to *domunculus* and the British form. See also Linnaeus, 1767 (p. 1295). The first species name that I find clearly applicable to the British sponge is *suberea* Montagu, 1818. The literature separates *Ficulina* from *Suberites* chiefly by the peculiar microscleres (centrotylote microstrongyles) of *Ficulina*, but these are so very frequently not in evidence that I made a careful study based on fresh material at Plymouth (of *suberea*) and at Naples (of *domunculus*) to obtain as much data as possible on their distinction in the absence of microscleres. I will tabulate some such distinctions:

1. *Consistency*.—All 16 of my specimens, undoubtedly *suberea*, shrunk notably on drying; none of my four *domunculus* did. Consistencies in life and in spirits were otherwise very similar between the two species.

2. *Color*.—My observations and the literature show the ordinary color range of *domunculus* to be from white to vermilion, with

orange most common; grays and blues occur. Similar data show the normal range for *suberea* white to crimson, with grays and rosy pinks predominating.

3. *Oscular closing*.—In all four of my specimens, undoubtedly *domunculus*, the numerous oscules closed to a line, not to a point. It is odd that this is not mentioned in the literature; can it be that all four were unusual? This seems unlikely, and I presume this may be a valuable indication when one has fresh material.

4. *Spicules*.—Those of *suberea* are large-headed tylostyles, with the double-headed modification very common. Those of *domunculus* are small-headed, so that they approach styles in appearance, and double-headed modifications are uncommon. The species *suberea* often has microscleres; *domunculus*, never. I consider the megasclere shape very important.

Lambe found the *Ficulina* microscleres in his material. I did not find them in the Californian specimens, but on the basis of the tylostyle shape alone would feel confident I had *Ficulina*. Of course, it might be decided to merge *Ficulina* and *Suberites*, but I can not see that adequate benefit would result from such fusion at present.

Genus PROSUBERITES Topsent

PROSUBERITES SISYRNUM de Laubenfels

Prosuberites sisyrnum DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21413; B.M. No. 29.9.30.12.

Type locality.—South of the breakwater, San Pedro, Calif., dredged by the University of Southern California at 45 meters, April 5, 1924.

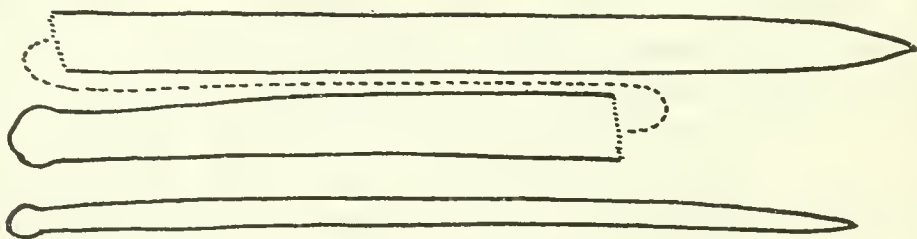


FIGURE 26.—*Prosuberites sisyrnum* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Additional material examined.—The University of Southern California also collected a specimen on March 31, 1915, near Catalina Island, and possesses a third without data. On the same date and at the same locality as for the type, but at 54 meters, the University of Southern California collected another specimen, which is so very poorly preserved that it is but a mass of fragments, but from the spiculation it seems probably conspecific.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, actually probably only 1 or 2 mm thick, but so copiously surrounding small worm-tubes,

algae, and similar substrates that considerable masses result. Consistency, mediocre. Color in alcohol, drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially velvety, with hispidation about 300μ high.

Ectosomal specialization, erect tylostyles, points upward. These are not conspicuously of a smaller size range than the deeper-placed spicules. Endosomal structure, very scanty, in places wanting; where present, of confused nature.

Principal spicules, tylostyles (fig. 26); size 8μ by 275μ to 20μ by 480μ .

Remarks.—*Prosuberites sisyrnus* has spicules very much shorter than those of *P. longispinus* and *rugosus* and very much thicker than those of *P. epiphytum*. The genus *Prosuberites* Topsent, 1893, tends to merge into *Laxosuberites* Topsent, 1896, and into *Suberites* Nardo, 1833, all being in a group that much needs revision.

Genus SUBERITES Nardo

SUBERITES GADUS de Laubenfels

Suberites gadus DE LAUBENFELS, 1926, p. 571.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21489; B.M. No. 28.11.6.3.

Type locality.—Near Pacific Grove, Calif., taken from a depth of about 30 meters. A fisherman brought up the single specimen entangled in his line.

Description.—Shape, a branched cylindrical stem with enlarged clavate terminations. Size of specimen, about 30 cm high, lobes about 2 cm in diameter and 10 cm long; the stem is about 6 mm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in alcohol, nearly white. Oscules, with rims; diameter, 1.5 to 2 mm; very irregularly scattered, but about 4 or 5 to the lobe. Pores, at least 150μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal structure, 1.5 to 2 mm thick; cartilaginous; bluish white in contrast to yellowish white of the endosome. The ectosome is densely packed with spicules perpendicular to the surface, points outward and all at about a level, so that the longer spicules run deeper down into the sponge. There is some tendency for the dermal spicules to be arranged in brushes. Endosomal structure: The stem consists of a dark-brown central axis of densely packed longitudinally placed spicules intermingled with dark granules not certainly, but probably, cellular. Around this extends the ectosome just as over the lobes. As the lobe proper is reached one finds the appearance of choanosome (between the stem and ectosome), which widens until it is about 6 mm thick. The prolongation of the stalk in the lobe neither increases nor diminishes in size, but becomes paler and paler, with more and more choanosome and fewer and fewer spicules. One

can not say exactly where it ends. I find no tendency for it to spread out fanlike. In the choanosome are relatively large and rather few spicules. Histological details: The flagellate chambers are round; diplodal, 40μ to 50μ diameter.

Principal spicules, dull-pointed tylostyles (fig. 27); size 10μ by 200μ to 50μ by 1320μ .

Remarks.—One finds a tendency to pedunculate form very common in *Ficulina suberea*. It is therefore to be expected in *Suberites*. A species having very similar shape to that of *gadus* is described by

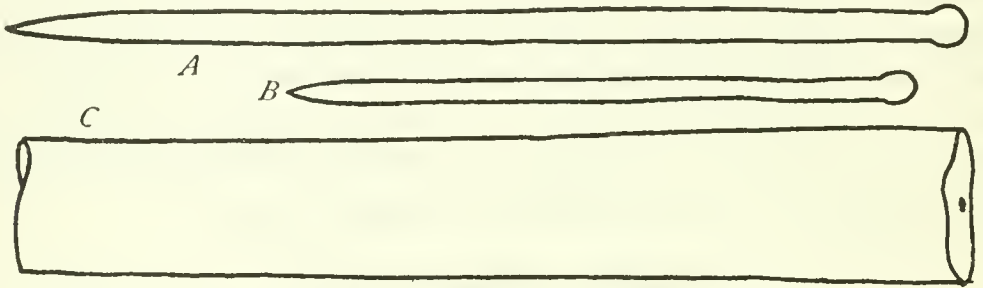


FIGURE 27.—*Suberites gadus* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$. A and B show size for the smaller spicules, and shape for all; C, portion of the shaft of one of the larger spicules, illustrating its proportionate size to the smaller ones

Wilson (1925, p. 352) as *Rhizaxinella nuda*, from the Philippines. It was more brownish than *gadus*, had spicules about half again as large as those of *gadus* and with sharper points, and its stem lacked the ectosomal crust. The two are doubtless closely related.

Order HALICHONDRINA Vosmaer

Family AXINELLIDAE Ridley and Dendy

Genus HALICHONDRIA Fleming

HALICHONDRIA PANICEA (Pallas)

Spongia panicea PALLAS, 1766, p. 388.

Halichondria panicea JOHNSTON, 1842, p. 114.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Europe.

Material examined.—Specimens were collected at Point Pinos, Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, on January 24, 1929, by J. E. Lynch, who reported it then plentiful. During the summer months it has been very rare or lacking, though on July 14, 1929, I found a small specimen at the same locality as that given by Mr. Lynch. In European waters this sponge is very abundant intertidally, and the same or a very similar species is reported from nearly every part of the world's coastal regions that have been well studied.

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21447; B.M. No. 29.8.22.9).—Shape, amorphous, encrusting. Size, up to 6 mm thick, 3 cm in diameter.

Consistency, fragile. Color in life, orange to green; preserved, nearly white. Oscules, raised; diameter, about 1 mm. Pores, minute. Surface, superficially smooth to tuberculate.

Ectosomal specialization strongly marked, consisting of a dermal crust, about 200μ thick, of tangentially strewn spicules, not differing, however, from those of the endosome. This is underlaid by such extensive subdermal cavities as to be rather readily separable. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," most of the spicules strewn without order in the flesh, but there may be spicule tracts in a groundwork that is not reticulate. Histological details: I find spherical flagellate chambers 30μ to 40μ in diameter. Principal, or ascending, tracts about 45μ in diameter.



FIGURE 28.—*Halichondria panicea* (Pallas), $\times 300$

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 28); size up to 11μ by 300μ . As is characteristic of the species and genus, there is no definite size range of spicules at all, but all sizes—from the largest down—are found intermingled in confusion.

Remarks.—In species so lacking in positive characters as this, it is difficult to be certain whether the similar specimens from various parts of the world are conspecific.

Genus HYMENIACIDON Bowerbank

HYMENIACIDON SINAPIUM de Laubenfels

Hymeniacidon sinapium DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21456; B.M. No. 29.8.22.21.

Type locality.—Newport Bay (near San Pedro), Calif.; intertidal.

Occurrence.—This species is abundant along the rocky, surf-beaten portions of the coast of southern California at nearly every point I have visited. It is the most abundant sponge on the oyster beds in Newport Bay, where the water often becomes quiet and very warm. It is found in various places up the stream that enters the bay, where it must be in brackish water at low tide during rainy weather. It grows even where the water is almost opaque with suspended mud, where at low tide it is exposed to the very ardent rays of the southern California sun, and where it is always chilled by the very cool waters of the open ocean. I have vainly sought any difference in spicules, form, color, or any other quality that varied as a factor of any of these environments.

In the vicinity of Monterey *H. sinapium* occurs very rarely, if at all, though similar ecological situations are found. E. F. Ricketts collected a specimen, July 24, 1926, in a tide pool near Hopkins Marine Station, which was like the southern California specimens in all ways save one; it has spicules up to 14μ by 380μ . Having but the one specimen I hesitate to denominate this a new variety, though in no southern California specimen do I find spicules so large. The condition of the specimen is such that any identification of it must be provisional.

U.S.N.M. No. 21395 represents the only sponge from lower than intertidal zone that I can refer to *sinapium*. It deserves special mention, as its spicules are notably smaller, namely, but 6μ by 205μ at the largest, 5μ by 195μ for an average of apparently mature styles, but with only a few of the very small, presumably developmental forms. It was dredged by the University of Southern California in 5 meters near Seal Beach (near San Pedro), just offshore from locations where *sinapium* is abundant intertidally. Is the small spicule size an ecological modification, or is this a different species? Its resemblance to my Plymouth specimens of *H. caruncula* merits comment. Having but the one specimen, no positive decision can be made, but my opinion is that it is an aberrant individual of a species normally intertidal, perhaps modified by the environment. This species is found associated with oysters more than any other one large organism. Numerous other specimens were examined.

Description.—Shape, amorphous to massive to encrusting, often with digitate processes. Size, up to about 10 cm high, 20 cm in diameter. Consistency, very soft. Color in life, bright yellow, sometimes with orange tints; preserved, drab. Oscules, often on raised processes; diameter, about 2 mm. Pores, minute, very contractile. Surface, superficially smooth, with scattered low conules less than 1 mm high.

Ectosomal specialization in the form of a thin, transparent, fleshy dermis. It contains but few spicules. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with spicules mostly in confusion, but here and there organized into tracts, mostly directed vertically, points of the styles up. These tracts expand distally into subdermal brushes in a manner that may be described as axinellid, but is also found in most Mycales and some Biennas, and may indicate axinellid relationships for those genera.

Principal spicules, styles (fig. 29); size up to 9μ by 340μ , with moderately numerous smaller forms.

Remarks.—It is doubtful whether this is a new form, but as it seemed impossible to be absolutely positive of identifying it with any of the known species I applied a distinctive name to it so that

it might be referred to recognizably in future revision. This action may be better understood after noting the following considerations:

In 1827, Grant described *Spongia sanguinea*, a thin, blood-red sponge. It was probably not just one species but several having similar color and styles as megascleres. Grant lacked microscopic equipment adequate for the discovery of microscleres. In 1828, Fleming (p. 521) referred this to his genus *Halichondria*. In 1842 (p. 134), Johnston so identified specimens he had that were preserved in the British Museum. He also gave figures and a fairly good description. Practically the only difference between his *sanguinea* and *sinapium* is in color. *H. sanguinea* was from British waters.

In 1859, Lieberkühn described *Halichondria luxurians*; this was redescribed in 1862 (p. 76) by Oscar Schmidt as *Reniera luxurians*. Schmidt says that this is *Reniera variabilis* of Nardo, an utterly un-

recognizable species, so devoid of description as to be properly a *nomen nudem*. I mention *luxurians* because, so far as Lieberkühn's and Schmidt's descriptions go, this may be the same as *sinapium*; but we do not know the spicule size, nor is the structure well described. *R. luxurians* is a Mediterranean species.

In 1862 (p. 1111), Bowerbank described *Hymeniacidon caruncula*, the type of this genus. It differs from *sinapium* only in having much smaller spicules. Bowerbank described them as 218μ , and the specimens I collected at Plymouth had then only about 120 to

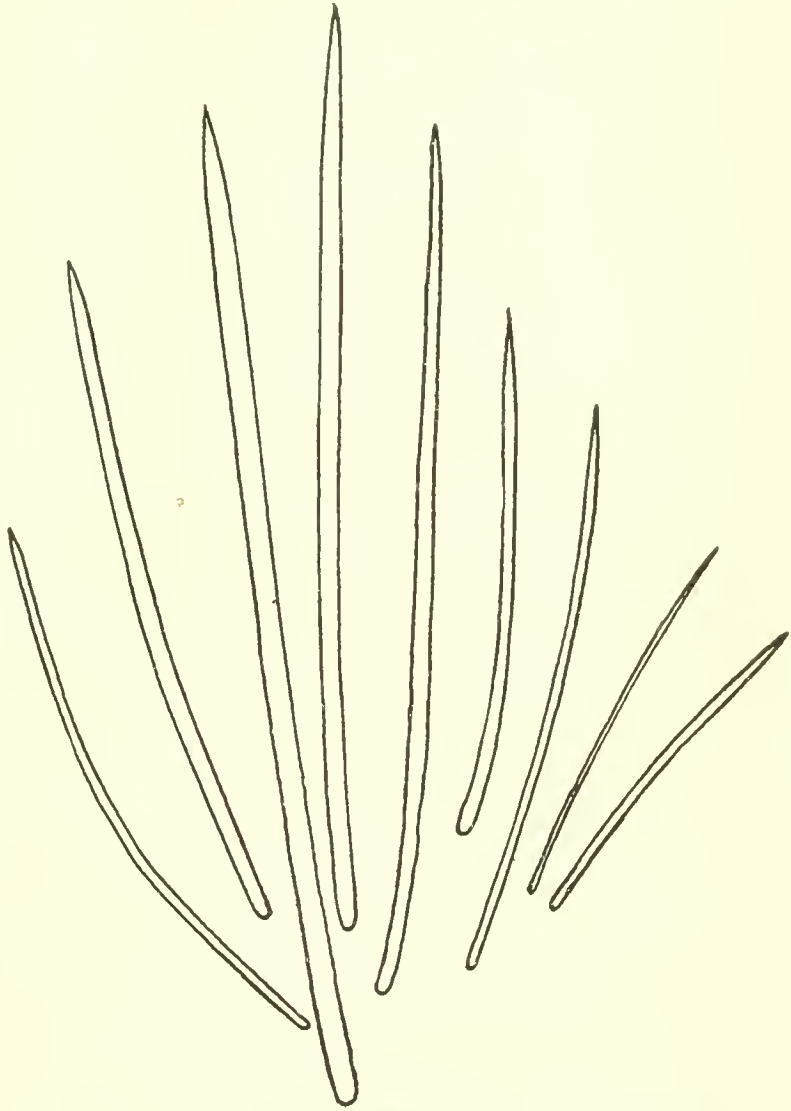


FIGURE 29.—*Hymeniacidon sinapium* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

140 μ . Some authors synonymize *caruncula* with *sanguinea*, but there seem to be no British intergrades between the blood-red, long-spiculed form and the yellow or orange short-spiculed form; our Californian sponge might be considered such an intergrade, or rather a distinct species, since we have here none just like either *caruncula* or *sanguinea*. *H. caruncula* was from British waters.

In 1911 (page 13), Wilson described *Stylotella heliophila* from the Eastern United States (Beaufort, N. C.). This differs from *sinapium* only in having a slightly crisper consistency and more uniformly orange color. Possibly *sanguinea*, *luxurians*, *caruncula*, *heliophila*, *sinapium*, and perhaps even more species, put in at least five different genera, may be really synonymous; they are certainly very closely related.

HYMENIACIDON UNGODON, new species

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 22061; B.M. No. 30.10.8.4.

Type locality.—The holotype was collected by me at Point Lobos, south of Carmel, Calif., intertidal, July 12, 1930. Otherwise I have seen this species several times in collections made by students. It is probably a moderately common sponge in central California.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 1 cm by 3 cm by 4 cm at least, probably often larger. Consistency, soft. Color in life, mahogany-brown ectosome over yellowish-drab endosome. Oscules, infrequent, oval, about 1 mm in long axis; they are closable by a membrane. Pores, inconspicuous, usually found closed. The surface is coarsely rugose.



FIGURE 30.—*Hymeniacion ungodon*, new species,
×300

Ectosomal specializations, fleshy, densely packed with spicules in confusion, not very easily detachable. Endosomal structure, fleshy, with spicules strewn mainly in utter confusion. In places there seem to be vague ascending tracts, but these may possibly be due merely to proximity of canals from which the spicules are excluded. This results in concentrations of spicules in the regions between the canals.

Spicules, styles 4 μ by 180 μ to 8 μ by 200 μ , with a few very much thinner that were probably immature forms (fig. 30).

Remarks.—Quite a few species of the genus *Hymeniacion* have ectosome differently colored from the endosome, but the particular color scheme of *ungodon* seems characteristic and unique in the genus. The method of closure of oscules by a membrane stretching across instead of sphinctrate contraction is worthy of note. In at least some portions of the endosome of the present species were

numerous annulate filaments, the annulations being due to swellings caused by spheroidal optically refringent granules. These structures were about 3μ in diameter and of indefinite length. They may have been elongate archaeocytes, but the most probable assumption seems to be that they were (symbiont?) algae.

Genus **PRIANOS** J. E. Gray

PRIANOS PROBLEMATICUS de Laubenfels

Prianos problematicus DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21484; B.M. No. 29.8.22.16.

Type locality.—Two specimens were trawled on March 30, 1929, by Prof. T. Skogsberg, at a depth of 15 meters, south end of Monterey Bay, Calif.

Description.—Shape, massive to lobate. Size, 1 cm high, 2 cm in diameter. Consistency, stiff, slightly compressible. Color in life and when preserved, pale drab. Oscules, round, flush; diameter, about 2 mm. Pores, 200μ to 450μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; this is not readily detachable, is fleshy, and contains spicules strewn irregularly. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with spicules in confusion.

Principal spicules, strongyles (fig. 31, *A*, *B*); size, 6μ by 135μ to 10μ by 140μ . Secondary spicules, oxeas (fig. 31 *D*, *E*); size, 2μ by 80μ to 2μ by 100μ ; these might be regarded as microscleres.

Remarks.—The systematic position of those sponges having spicules principally strongyles needs some explanation.

The first assignment of such was by O. Schmidt to his genus *Reniera* (1862, page 72), type species *R. aquaeductus*. Simultaneously he established *R. cratera*, which has a spiculation of strongyles only. Vosmaer in 1885 referred to this as genotype of *Reniera*, but this can not be, as Schmidt plainly stated in his original description that *aquaeductus* is the type. Among other *Renieras* with strongyles may be mentioned *R. amorpha* Schmidt (1864, p. 38), *R. hebes* Schmidt (1870, p. 40), and *R. crassa* Carter (1876, p. 312), which may be a *Strongylophora* (see below).

The first genus created for sponges characterized by strongyle spiculation was *Prianos* Gray (1867, p. 520) for Schmidt's *Reniera amorpha* (see above). This genus was regarded by Vosmaer (1885, p. 234) as not separable from *Reniera*, and it has therefore been subsequently ignored and forgotten. *Prianos amorphus* is not

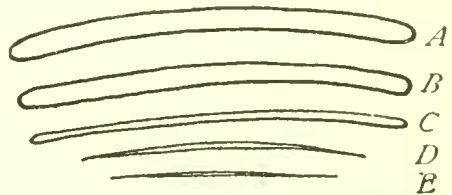


FIGURE 31.—*Prianos problematicus* de Laubenfels: Typical spicules, $\times 300$; *C* probably an immature *A*

renierid, however, but contains spicules in confusion; *Reniera* (*Haliclona*) is for sponges with oxeas in isodictyal reticulation. As a matter of fact there is a British sponge that answers rather closely to Schmidt's description of *amorpha*. Bowerbank (1874, p. 243) called it *Desmacidon columella*, and subsequent authors, led by Hanitsch (1894, p. 180) have called it *Styлотella columella*. *Styлотella* Lendenfeld (1888, p. 185), type species as fixed by Hallmann (1914, p. 348), *S. digitata* (which is Ridley's *Hymeniacidon agminata*), is suberitid. It must be said that the specimen of *columella* that I collected at Plymouth, in September, 1928, agreed even more closely with Schmidt's description of *amorpha* than did Bowerbank's original description. The species *columella* and *amorpha* may or may not be specifically identical, but they are clearly congeneric and not properly *Reniera*, *Desmacidon*, or *Styлотella*. *Prianos* may quite fitly be employed for them.

Other genera with strongyles as principal spicules include the following without microscleres:

Joyeuxia Topsent (1892, p. 93), type species *J. viridis*. In this the spicules are almost all dermal, the endosome being nearly devoid of skeleton. Some of the spicules are oxeas. See the genus *Phloedictyon* for comparisons.

Batzella Topsent (1893, p. xxxiv), type species *B. inops*, like the above has very few spicules at all. It had mycalid embryos. Some of its spicules were styles. See *Inflatella* for comparisons.

Liosina Thiele (1899, p. 16), type species *L. paradoxa*. This may be a synonym of *Prianos*.

Petrosia Vosmaer (1885, p. 338), type species *P. dura*, is stony hard. It is interesting to compare consistencies here, as both *Prianos amorphus* and *P. columellus* are very soft, while *P. problematicus* is intermediate, just moderately stiff and firm.

Protoschmidtia Czerniavsky (1879, p. 380), type species *P. simplex*. This genus is inadequately known; is referred to as halichondroid with hispid dermis, "surface set over with tubes," spicules strongyles.

The following genera with microscleres have strongyles as principal spicules. In view of the well-known fact that microscleres may be lacking for unknown reasons, all species without them may be but derivatives by reduction, but often it is impossible to ascertain the source. *Prianos* may therefore really be congeneric with some one of the following:

Barbozia Dendy (1922, p. 131), type species *B. primitiva*. The microscleres are anisochelas and discorhabds; the sponge is papillate.

Phlyctaenopora Topsent (1904, p. 198), type species *P. bitorquis*. The microscleres are anisochelas and sigmas; this also is papillate.

Guitarra Carter (1874, p. 210), type species *G. fimbriata*. The microscleres are very peculiar and distinctive, and therefore one can hardly believe that this is closely related to the others here mentioned. This is very provocative of thought in view of the impossibility of sharply separating it were it to lose its microscleres as individuals probably do.

Dyscliona Kirkpatrick (1900, p. 352), type species *D. davidi*, a boring sponge with very peculiar microscleres; this is another reason for doubting that similarity of megascleres indicates close relationship in absence of other bonds of unity.

Strongylacidon von Lendenfeld (1897, p. 110), type species *S. sansibarensis*. This has anisochelas as microscleres.

Strongylamma Hallmann (1917, p. 643), type species *S. carteri*. This had two sizes of spiny microrhabds and contained much sand.

Strongylophora Dendy (1905, p. 141), type species *S. durissima*. This had smooth microrhabds, often bent, and was stony hard.

Although far from certain, it is quite possible that one of or all these last three are congeneric with *Prianos*. The structures are such that all may be considered much more closely related to *Prianos* than that genus or any of them is to *Reniera*. The same should be said of *Petrosia* and *Liosina*. It should be kept in mind that, of all these, *Prianos* (1867) has the priority.

Order POECILOSCLERINA Topsent

Family DESMACIDONIDAE Gray

Genus BIEMNA J. E. Gray

BIEMNA RHADIA de Laubenfels

Biemna rhadia DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21507; B.M. No. 29.9.30.17.

Type locality.—The one specimen was collected by E. F. Ricketts in 1925 from Monterey Bay, Calif., depth 700 meters; it was lodged in a recess of a macerated dictyonine hexactinellid sponge skeleton.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, 7 mm high, 12 mm in diameter. Consistency, stiffly fragile. Color dry, drab. Oscules and pores, not evident, because of cavernous structure. Surface, superficially very cavernous.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane about 15 μ thick; detachable, fleshy, containing microscleres but not megascleres. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with stiff, ascending, branching tracts. Principal, or ascending, tracts about 400 μ in diameter, cored by densely packed styles. There seems to be little or no spongin present.

Principal spicules, styles (fig. 32, *A*); size, about 20μ by $1,300\mu$. First microscleres, sigmas (fig. 32, *B*); size, about 13μ by 300μ . Second microscleres, sigmas (fig. 32, *C*); size, about 4μ by 90μ . Third microscleres, sigmas (fig. 32, *D*); size, about 1μ by 25μ . Fourth microscleres, smooth raphides (not figured); size, 1μ by 120μ to 2μ by 210μ ; these are usually packed in short fascicular tracts about 50μ in diameter.

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be *B. (Desmacella) fortis* Topsent, 1897, from the East Indies and Red Sea, which differs in not having the larger size range of sigmas. *Biemna megalosigma* Hentschel, 1912, has the large size range of sigmas as well as the medium and smaller, but has peculiar siliceous spheres

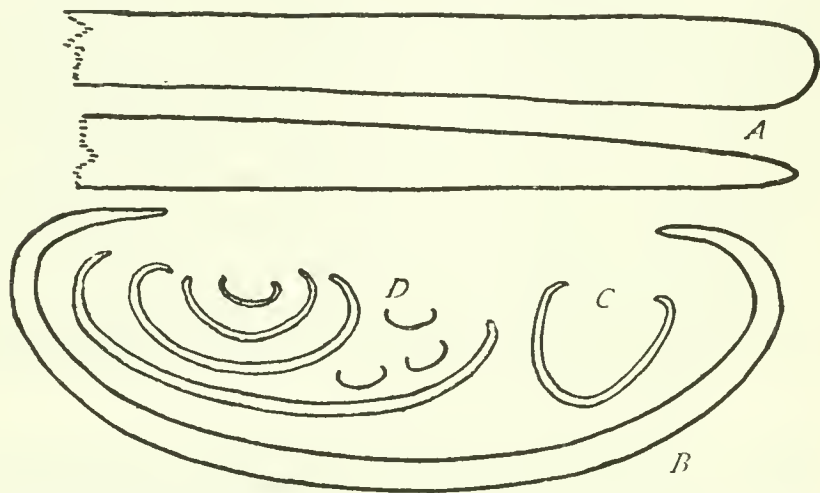


FIGURE 32.—*Biemna rhadia* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$. *A*, terminations of the styles, showing their thickness but not their length; *B-D*, range in size and shape of the sigmas

not in the California species, has megascleres but two-thirds as large, and raphides also much smaller. It may well be that upon making thorough revision of the genus one would find these and numerous other species of *Biemna* worthy of reduction to synonymy, but this step does not seem called for at present.

Similar species of this genus are reported from practically all parts of the world.

Genus DESMACELLA Schmidt

DESMACELLA VAGABUNDA Schmidt

Desmacella vagabunda O. SCHMIDT, 1870, p. 53.

Holotype.—Location unknown; described from the West Indies.

Material examined.—One of several specimens (U.S.N.M. No. 21508; B.M. No. 29.8.22.61) growing in the interstices of a macerated dictyonine hexactinellid sponge skeleton collected by E. F. Ricketts, May 9, 1929, in Monterey Bay, depth 700 meters.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, undeterminable, because of concealment in hexactinellid skeleton. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when dry, drab. Oscules, flush with the cloacal surface of the hexactinellid, each almost filling the cavity left by one of the hexact's oscules. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a very thin, detachable, fleshy dermis. It contains a few scattered microscleres. Endosomal structure, short plumose columns or simple brushes of tylostyles, points toward the surface, accompanied by a surprisingly small quantity of protoplasmic material.

Principal spicules, tylostyles (fig. 33, *A, B*); size, about 15μ by 600μ . Microscleres, sigmas (fig. 33, *D*); length, about 60μ .

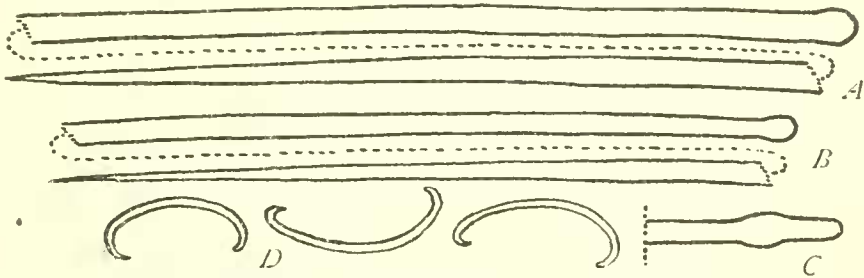


FIGURE 33.—*Desmacella vagabunda* Schmidt, $\times 300$. *C*, an unusual modification of the head of the megasclere

Remarks.—Schmidt's *Desmacella vagabunda* was very briefly described. The sponge now under discussion offers so little material for examination that it can only be said to be imperfectly known. It seems better to identify it with *vagabunda* than to establish a new species for it, because all that we know of it agrees sufficiently well with what we know of *vagabunda* to make it probable that they are conspecific.

ZYGHERPE, new genus

This genus is of the family Desmacidonidae and is close to *Desmacella*, from which it differs chiefly by the addition of the diancistra to the other skeletal elements. Genotype: *Zygherpe hyaloderma*, new species.

ZYGHERPE HYALODERMA, new species

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 22060; B.M. No. 30.10.8.3.

Type locality.—The holotype was collected by me on July 13, 1930, at Point Lobos, intertidal, south of Carmel, Calif. The encrustation carpeted a rock on the floor of a grotto, which was inaccessible except at very low tide.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 1 to 3 mm thick, spreading laterally indefinitely. Consistency, soft, fleshy. Color in life, pale ochraceous-yellow. Surface, lipostomous and smooth. A conspicuous feature of the living and preserved sponge is the very evident system of comparatively coarse canals meandering about beneath the transparent dermis, branching and reuniting. It is to be presumed that contractile minute exhalent apertures riddled the covering to these canals during life, and that similar inhalent openings were dispersed over the rest of the surface.

Ectosomal specialization, fleshy, abundantly packed with microscleres. Endosomal structure, basically fleshy with abundant microscleres and scattered ascending plumose tracts of tylostyles,

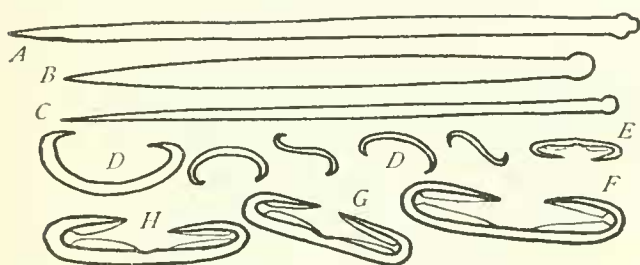


FIGURE 34.—*Zygherpe hyaloderma*, new species:
A-E, $\times 300$; F-H, $\times 600$

points upward and outward. These make inconspicuous terminal brushes at the places where the tracts reach the surface. These tracts are approximately 50μ apart; they branch and anastomose but rarely.

Megascleres, tylostyles about 5μ by 150μ . First microscleres, sigmas 25μ to 50μ in length of chord. Second microscleres, diancistras, the points nearly meeting.

Remarks.—The diancistra is a very curious and characteristic spicule. Possession thereof can hardly be used, however, as an indication of close phylogenetic relationship, for the three previously described genera having this microsclere differ fully as much from each other as from *Zygherpe*. In addition to the diancistra, each possesses other spicules as follows: *Hamacantha*, styles to oxea and toxas with raphides; *Vomerula*, styles and toxas with chelas; *Pozziella*, exotypes, peculiar styles and very peculiar sigmas. As mentioned above, *Zygherpe* seems much more closely related to *Desmacella* than to any other genus.

Genus MYCALE J. E. Gray

MYCALE BELLABELLENSIS (Lambe)

Esperella bellabellensis LAMBE, 1905, p. 14.

Esperella fisheri DE LAUBENFELS 1926, p. 570.

Holotype.—In the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.

Type locality.—The west coast of Canada.

Material examined.—There is a magnificent specimen of this sponge at Hopkins Marine Station (Pacific Grove) a good 4 feet

in diameter; it was taken at a depth of about 50 meters, date not recorded, in Monterey Bay, entangled on a fisherman's line. It is represented by U.S.N.M. No. 21440 and B.M. No. 28.11.6.4. E. F. Ricketts also collected a specimen from Monterey Bay, depth 800 meters, date not recorded. It is represented by U.S.N.M. No. 21470 and B.M. No. 29.8.22.12.

Description.—Shape, stipitate, older specimens funnel-shaped. Size, up to at least 100 cm high, 122 cm in diameter. Consistency, between spongy and fragile. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, irregular in size and shape, not definitely delineated, especially in the larger specimens. Pores, represented by even more irregular openings. Surface, superficially very rough with depressions sometimes 5 cm deep.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane. It is fleshy, very thin, and contains microscleres and a very few megascleres. Endo-

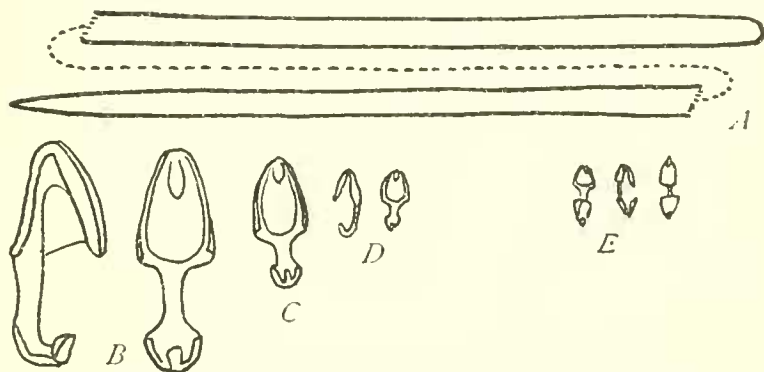


FIGURE 35.—*Mycale bellabellensis* (Lambe), $\times 300$. Spicules of Californian specimen (U.S.N.M. No. 21470 and B.M. No. 29.8.22.12). Microscleres B, D, and E in front and side views

somal structure cavernous, traversed by spicular tracts which branch but rarely anastomose. Principal, or ascending, fibers up to 1 mm in diameter, cored by abundant styles.

Principal spicules, styles (fig. 35, A); size, 12μ by 432μ to 13μ by 491μ . First microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 35, B); length, 70μ to 90μ , often in rosettes. Second microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 35, C); length, 32μ to 36μ . Third microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 35, D); length, 22μ to 27μ . Fourth microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 35, E); length, about 22μ .

Remarks.—The large funnel-shaped Californian specimen (U. S. N. M. No. 21440 and B. M. No. 28.11.6.4) agrees with Lambe's rather closely; but Lambe recorded small sigmas (19μ to 30μ); whereas long search has so far yielded only one doubtfully proper sigma in the California specimen, and Lambe's was much smaller. I have also another specimen still smaller, possibly a juvenile, collected at a depth of about 800 meters in Monterey Bay by E. F. Ricketts. It is

only 10 cm high and 6 cm in diameter and is stipitate but not funnel-shaped, being instead rather lobate. It agrees with the funnel-shaped specimens except that it seems to have no sigmas at all, but instead a few toxas about 4μ by 400μ . It has also numerous palmate isochelas about 22μ long, which may be foreign, yet several species of *Mycale* are recorded with such microscleres in addition to the typical amoschelas. That they and the toxas may not be proper is indicated by the finding of a few such obviously foreign spicules as some plesiasters, tylotes, and short renierid oxeads, but the isochelas are quite numerous. The surface of this specimen is also notably different, in having a distinct oscule 4 mm in diameter and definite contractile dermal pores, one to three to each square millimeter of surface.

MYCALE MACGINITIEI* de Laubenfels

Mycale macginitiei DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21471; B.M. No. 29.8.22.3.

Type locality.—Elkhorn Slough (intertidal) on the east shore of Monterey Bay, Calif., collected by Prof. G. E. MacGinitie, March 1, 1929. Several years ago a pile of rocks was dumped at one place in this area of tidal mud flats, and this sponge and a *Halisarca* have now appeared encrusting them.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, less than 1 cm thick. Patches mostly less than 6 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, about 30μ in diameter and about 70μ from center to center. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; very thin, detachable, fleshy, contains spicules in confusion. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with fibers; little or no reticulation is present. Principal, or ascending, fibers 70μ to 100μ in diameter, cored by many spicules, but with little spongin. Below the surface they expand in brushes, the most divergent spicules being actually within the dermis.

Principal spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 36, *A*); size, 9μ by 250μ to 10μ by 280μ . First microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 36, *B*); length, 30μ to 36μ , often in rosettes. Second microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 36, *C*); length, about 13μ . Third microscleres, toxas (fig. 36, *D*); length, 45μ to 75μ . Fourth microscleres, sigmas (fig. 36, *E*); length, 60μ to 75μ . The microscleres are distributed generally throughout the flesh. The toxas are very rare.

Remarks.—The nearest relatives of this species seem to be the *Mycale macilenta* Bowerbank, 1866, from Great Britain (recorded by Hentschel in 1912 from Australia), and *Mycale aegagropila* Bower-

* Named for Prof. G. E. MacGinitie, of Stanford University, who discovered this sponge.

bank, 1866, from Great Britain. *M. macilenta* differs in having enormous toxas. *M. aegagropila* differs in that its megascleres, sigmas, and toxas are 15 to 50 per cent larger than in *macginitiei*. Were one to synonymize those two, *macginitiei* would fall as a third synonym. As long as the two mentioned are retained as separate species, *macginitiei* should also stand. Bowerbank put *macilenta* in *Hymeniacidon*, *aegagropila* in *Desmacidon*; and Gray, 1867, made a genus *Aegagrophila* for the latter. Some recent authors, especially Wilson, 1925, synonymize *macilenta* with *aegagropila*. On the other hand, Hentschel, 1913, gives data that seem to me adequate demonstration of sufficient difference to warrant retaining most of the present species

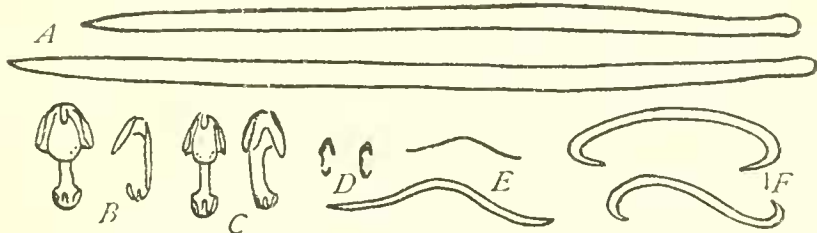


FIGURE 36.—*Mycale macginitiei* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

of *Mycale* for our convenience in discussing them, if for no other reason. The differences between these others and *macginitiei*, though not great, when taken in conjunction with the geographical locations, make it seem advisable to retain it and them as distinct species.

Genus PARESPERELLA Dendy

PARESPERELLA PSILA de Laubenfels

Paresperella psila DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 26.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21478; B. M. No. 29.8.22.38.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay, Calif., trawled by Prof. T. Skogsberg, on March 30, 1929, depth 15 meters. I found one other specimen, beachworn and macerated, in the wreck at Hopkins Marine Station, March 20, 1929. That the species may be moderately common is indicated by the frequency with which one notes the distinctive serrated sigmas in sponges having obviously foreign spicules. There is this much evidence to indicate its occurrence also in southern California.

Description.—Shape, amorphous to massive. Size, 3 cm high, 5 cm in diameter. Consistency, between spongy and fragile. Color in life and when preserved, pale drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, 50μ to 200μ in diameter; abundant. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane, about 20μ thick. It is fleshy, detachable, and contains abundant tangentially placed spicules of all the sorts characteristic of the species. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with very evident threadlike fibers.

Very few of the large sigmas are found in the endosome. Ascending fibers, 100μ to 300μ in diameter, cored by the styles.

Principal spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 37, *A*); size, about 10μ by 410μ . First microscleres, giant serrated sigmas (fig. 37, *B*); length, about 210μ to 265μ . Second microscleres, sigmas (fig. 37, *C*); length, about 40μ to 45μ . Third microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 37, *D*); often in rosettes; length, 32μ to 38μ . Fourth microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 37, *E*); length, 16μ to 17μ .

Remarks.—Hentschel (1913) in his summary of the genus *Mycale* includes *Paresperella* (Dendy, 1905, p. 162, type species *P. serratohamata*), but I hesitate to drop Dendy's genus without further study. The size of the sigmas can not be used, it is true, for all grades occur intermediate between the giant ones of *Paresperella* and the typical small ones of *Mycale*, but the serration may be a distinctive difference; and for the present, I propose to use it as

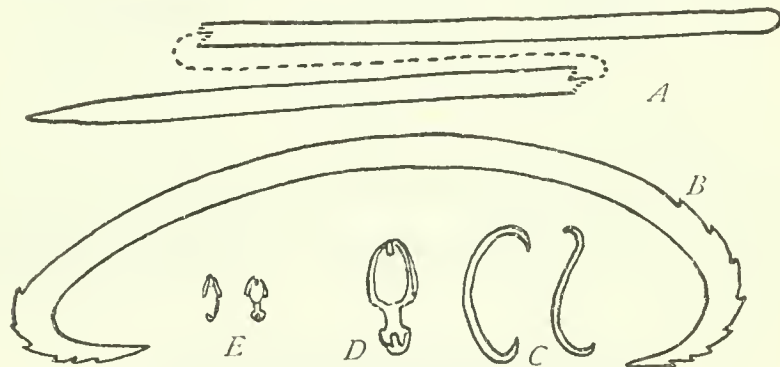


FIGURE 37.—*Paresperella psila* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

distinctive of *Paresperella*, retaining this genus. The only sponge having spicule measurements at all close to those of *psila* is *Mycale fascifibula* Topsent, 1904, from the Azores, but its megascleres are polytylote, it has raphides, and its large sigmas not serrated. Lambe (1894, p. 130) records a sponge from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, as *Esperella serratohamata* Carter, but it is quite distinct from *psila* and is not certainly correctly identified with Carter's species. As compared to *psila*, it has much smaller (335μ) megascleres, smaller (157μ) macrosigmas, lacks the smaller anisochelas, and has toxas, which *psila* lacks.

Genus ESPERIOPSIS Carter

ESPERIOPSIS ORIGINALIS de Laubenfels

Esperiopsis originalis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21441; B.M. No. 29.8.22.54.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., July 2, 1926, intertidal, collected by me. The species is common in this vicinity. At first I

confused it with *Ophlitaspongia pennata* (which see); but in addition to the differences between the sponges there is also a difference in the habitat, the two overlapping little if any. As noted elsewhere, *pennata* occurs nearer high-tide mark than any other sponge of which I know, usually on the sides of boulders beneath pendant seaweed. *E. originalis* occurs very near low-tide mark and also below it, usually underneath stones. It also grows loose and unattached or on coralline algae. It is moderately common in central California, and on March 14, 1926, I found several small patches of this species encrusting rocks intertidally at Laguna Beach.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size, 2 by 3 by 7 cm. Consistency, stiff, slightly compressible. Color in life, light brownish red; preserved, pale drab. Oscules, round, not raised; diameter, up to 2 cm. The oscules are largest and most frequent where the sponge is thickest. One small, undamaged specimen brought into the laboratory, July 2, 1926, exhibited strong oscular currents, tall transparent protoplasmic “chimneys” being thrown up above the surface by the force of the stream. They were contractile, at times reducing the size of the actual opening to far less than that of the canal or cloaca below, without shortening much if at all. In this sponge the cloacal tubes were about 300μ in diameter, and the chimneys raised also about 300μ above the surface. Pores, not evident; clearly they must be exceedingly minute. Surface, superficially very smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane only 2μ to 5μ thick; detachable, fleshy, contains probably but one cell layer and seemingly no spicules. Endosomal structure, a very regular reticulation of strong fibers perpendicular to the surface, containing a little spongin and many rows of styles, points almost always toward the surface. The connectives are merely single spicules, however, but placed almost as symmetrically as the rungs of a ladder. Histological details: The subspherical flagellate chambers are about 30μ in diameter. Ascending fibers, 25μ to 35μ in diameter and about 150μ apart. Accessory, or transverse, fibers, single spicules only.

Principal spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 38, *A*, *B*); size, 12μ by 150μ to 13μ by 155μ . Microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 38, *C*, *D*); length, 13μ to 16μ .

Remarks.—Comparison between this species and *Ophlitaspongia pennata* is interesting. Neither is typical of the genus in which it is now placed, and either could be shifted over to the other genus without violence. The two species are easily separated when the microscleres are to be found, however, as the one has only chelas where the other has toxas. *E. originalis* has also much smaller magascleres. The colors are not quite the same, *originalis* having a rather brownish tinge where *pennata* is clear bright red.

This differs from typical *Esperiopsis* in lacking sigmas. The very symmetrical ladder structure is a bit unusual, though isodictyal structure and fibrous structure are common in this genus. The dermis is typical. The closest relative seems to be *Esperiopsis glaber* Brøndsted (1924, p. 141) from New Zealand, which has exactly the same architecture, but longer styles (up to 10μ by 370μ), and has three sizes of sigmas.

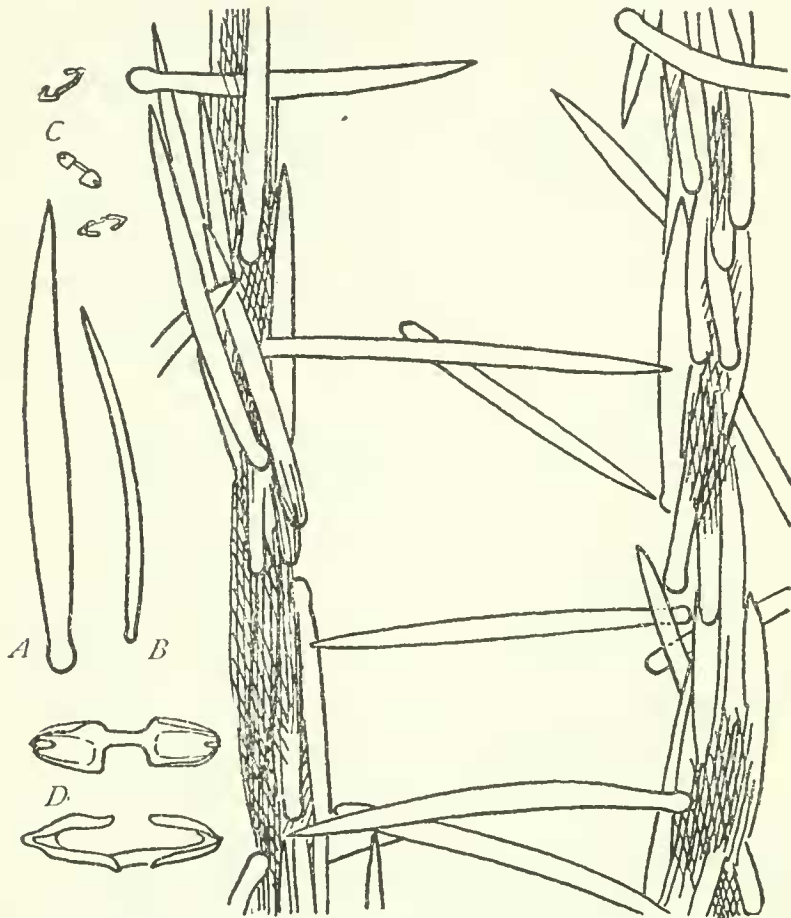


FIGURE 38.—*Esperiopsis originalis* de Laubenfels: Portion of the skeleton. A, Maximum size of the megasclere; B, small size of the megasclere, probably immature; C, D, microscleres. D, $\times 1,333$; others, $\times 300$

Genus WILSA⁴ de Laubenfels

Wilsa may be defined as of the subfamily Mycalinae, for sponges with smooth monaxon megascleres, palmate isochelas and forceps, typically with macrosigmas as well as sigmas of the more usual size. Genotype: *Wilsa hymena*.

WILSA HYMENA de Laubenfels

Wilsa hymena DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21515; B.M. No. 29.8.22.62.

Type locality.—Monterey Bay, Calif., May 9, 1929, depth 700 meters, collected by E. F. Ricketts. The one specimen was on the

⁴ Named for Prof. H. V. Wilson, of the University of North Carolina.

macerated skeleton of a dictyonine hexactinellid sponge, and was in intimate contact along one edge with *Lissodendoryx kyma* (which see).

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 5 by 18 mm in area; the depth can not be measured, as the sponge penetrated into the macerated dictyonine skeleton on which it was growing. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when dry, pale drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; fleshy, detachable, about 30μ to 70μ thick, containing abundant macrosigmas. Endosomal structure, the endosome is so blended with the hexactinellid skeleton that its proper structure can not be ascertained.

Principal spicules, smooth styles (fig. 39, *A*); size, 10μ by 330μ to 15μ by 600μ . First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 39, *D*); length, 17μ to 20μ . Second microscleres, giant sigmas or macrosigmas

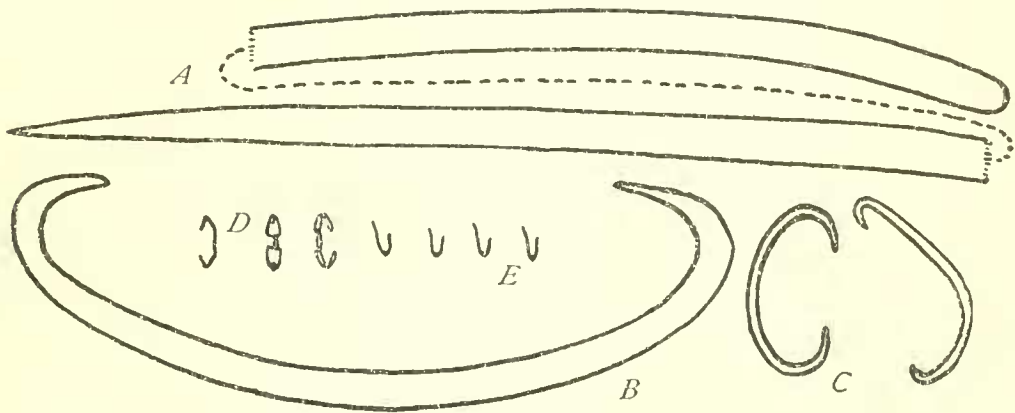


FIGURE 39.—*Wilsa hymena* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

(fig. 39, *B*); length, about 250μ . Third microscleres, sigmas (fig. 39, *C*); length, 55μ to 75μ . Fourth microscleres, forceps (fig. 39, *E*); length, 10μ to 12μ .

Remarks.—Practically all that can be obtained for this interesting sponge is of the nature of ectosome. It contains some tornotes and a very few arcuate chelas, obviously from its neighbor *L. kyma*. It is packed with the macrosigmas, has but few of the microsigmas, moderate quantities of the palmate isochelas, and rather numerous forceps. These latter appear smooth with less resolving power than 0.95 numerical aperture, and even with the utmost care only the very faintest traces of spination can be discovered, but very small spines are certainly present. The deeper portions contain a few scattered styles as mentioned, but no scheme of their arrangement could be discovered.

The closest relative of *hymena* is clearly Lundbeck's *Esperiopsis forcipula* (1905, p. 17), which should also be placed in the genus *Wilsa*. Its styles are 540μ to 680μ ; its macrosigmas only 83μ ; its

microsigmas only 30μ ; its chelas are much larger (38μ to 50μ) and more nearly arcuate than those of *hymena*; its forceps are larger (17μ) and much more clearly spined.

Some authors (see Topsent, 1928) would regard the presence of forceps as of little taxonomic value. Such conclusions as this are probably correct, but until an extensive revision of the phylum is carried out, consistently eliminating the very numerous genera founded on such bases, it is only consistent to continue using such criteria. Topsent himself continues to found many new genera based upon peculiarities of microscleres. I think he is quite justified in this on the grounds of expediency, and I follow this action of his rather than his suggestion that would lead to making *Esperiopsis* a genus of a size so large as to be unwieldy.

Family COELOSPHAERIDAE Hentschel

Genus ASTYLINIFER Topsent

ASTYLINIFER ARNDTI⁶ de Laubenfels

Astylinifer (?) *arndti* DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21435; B.M. No. 29.8.22.4.

Type locality.—Point Pinos, near Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July 8, 1929. Several other specimens were secured the same day in the same general locality, where the species seemed definitely to be a new arrival, frequent earlier searches over a period of some five years having failed to yield this sort of sponge.

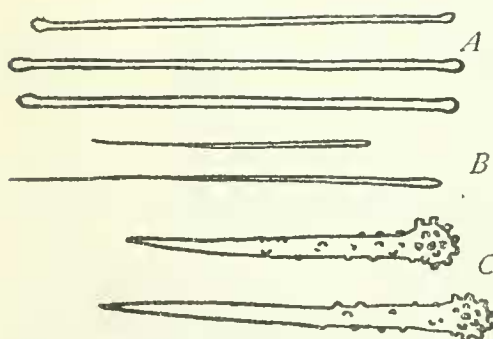


FIGURE 40.—*Astylinifer arndti* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 0.4 to 1.3 mm thick; several centimeters in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life, some specimens ocher-yellow, others with purple areas, and some halfway between the two colors present and appearing brown. Preserved specimens are drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization not discernible. Endosomal structure, predominantly protoplasmic with scattered fascicular bundles of tyloids, often, but not always perpendicular to the surface. At the very base are a few acanthotylostyles perpendicular to the substratum.

Principal spicules, tyloids (fig. 40, A), 3μ by 140μ to 4μ by 145μ . Echinating spicules, acanthotylostyles (fig. 40, C), 8μ by 110μ to 9μ

⁶ Named for Prof. Walther Arndt, of the University of Berlin.

by 130μ . Microscleres, raphides (fig. 40, *B*); size $\frac{1}{2}\mu$ by 95μ to 1μ by 140μ .

Remarks.—The other member of this genus, *A. planus* Topsent (1927, p. 9), has tyloles of double the measurements of those of *arndti* and a few toxas in addition to diactinal raphides. As a matter of fact *arndti* is very close to the genus *Hymedesmia* from which it may be derived. It is interesting to compare it to *Hymenamphias-tra cyanocrypta* from the same general locality. *A. arndti* has much smaller acanthotylostyles, which further play a very insignificant part in the sponge as a whole, the bulk of it having only tyloles. In *cyanocrypta* the tyloles are more distinctively just dermal spicules, and, of course, there are the very peculiar microscleres. A further noteworthy difference is in the shape of the ends of the tyloles, which in *arndti* are ball-like, nearly spherical; in *cyanocrypta* they are elongate-oval with hastate terminations.

Family MYXILLIDAE Topsent

Genus LISSODENDORYX Topsent

LISSODENDORYX KYMA de Laubenfels

Lissodendoryx kyma DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21511; B.M. No. 29.8.22.60.

Type locality.—The one specimen was growing on the macerated dictyonine skeleton collected by E. F. Ricketts, on May 9, 1929, in Monterey Bay, Calif., depth 700 meters.

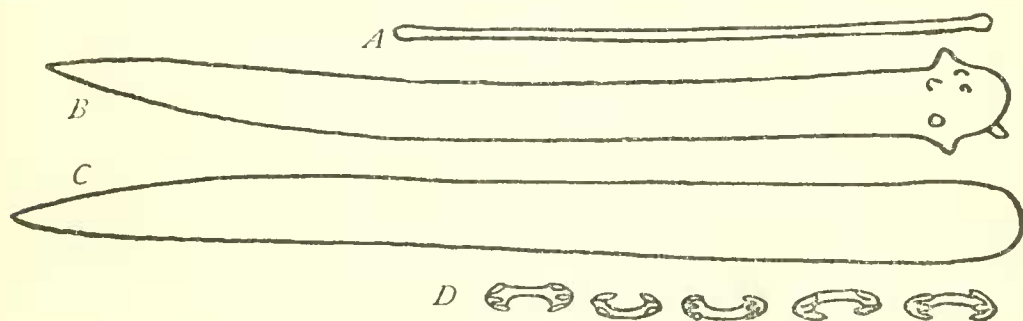


FIGURE 41.—*Lissodendoryx kyma* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 5 mm thick, 28 mm in diameter. Consistency, fragile and friable. Color in life and when dry, pale drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially wavy, with the troughs about 2 mm deep.

Ectosomal specialization, an indefinite sort of dermal membrane, not detachable; it is packed with tangentially placed tornotes. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with large styles in confusion.

Principal spicules, smooth styles (fig. 41, *C*); size, 25μ by 350μ . Secondary spicules, styles with spiny heads (fig. 41, *B*); size, 20μ by 340μ . Ectosomal spicules, tornotes (fig. 41, *A*); size, 5μ by 205μ . Microscleres, arcuate chelas (fig. 41, *D*); length, 25μ to 30μ .

Remarks.—This species is peculiar for having only the one sort of microsclere, and the disproportion between the ectosomal and endosomal spicules is not common.

Similar species of this genus are reported from all parts of the world.

LISSODENDORYX NOXIOSA de Laubenfels

Lissodendoryx noxiosa DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21467; B. M. No. 29.8.22.14.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925, collected by me. This species is very abundant in the Monterey region, growing in a variety of situations in the intertidal zone, but most frequently in crevices or under rocks.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, at least 10 cm high and 15 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy. Color in life, yellow; preserved much paler, nearly colorless. Oscules, there may or may not be present surface openings or depressions of very irregular size and shape, which may or may not be oscules or pores or neither or both. Pores, see remarks above. Surface, primarily smooth but with more or less abundant irregularities in the form of both lumps and pits.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane, about 30μ thick; so contractile that it is difficult to study the afferent and efferent openings. It is in places easily detachable, but upon removal it contracts so vigorously as to preclude satisfactory study. Elsewhere it is very difficult to remove it. Apparently it contains few megascleres, the dermal spicules being employed to support it. After its removal the interstices of the endosomal reticulation are exposed with here and there irregular larger apertures. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with a dense isodictyal reticulation of the styles; meshes usually triangular. The styles are often side by side, so placed as to outline chambers with walls having some resemblance to those of old-fashioned log cabins.

Principal spicules, styles (fig. 42, *B, C*); size, 10μ by 180μ to 12μ by 200μ . These styles almost always have about two to four rather large spines; occasionally they have as many as six or eight, and also a few are entirely smooth. The spines are rather more often to be noted on the heads than on the shafts. Very thin forms of both sorts of megascleres are met with, probably immature stages (fig. 41, *D*). Ectosomal spicules, tylotes (fig. 42, *A*); size, 4μ by 180μ

to 5μ by 200μ . First microscleres, arcuate chelas (fig. 42, *F*); length, 28μ to 33μ . Second microscleres, contort sigmas (fig. 42, *E*); length, 32μ to 40μ .

Remarks.—Many species of *Lissodendoryx* have been described as of *Myxilla*, and many differ from one another but slightly. Two *Myxillas*, properly to be transferred to *Lissodendoryx*, described by Lambe from the west coast of Canada, particularly merit comparison to *noxiosa*. The first is *lacunosa* (1892, p. 70), which differs from *noxiosa* in having hastate dermal spicules twice the thickness of those in the California species: it has styles very similar but with practically no spination, somewhat larger chelas, and smaller sigmas. The second is *firma* (1894, p. 122), which has dermal spicules shaped like those of *noxiosa*, but twice as thick, and styles about twice as large (up to 19μ by 366μ), and with no spines at all. Its chelas and sigmas are each much larger than in *noxiosa*, but quite noteworthy for their similarity in shape.

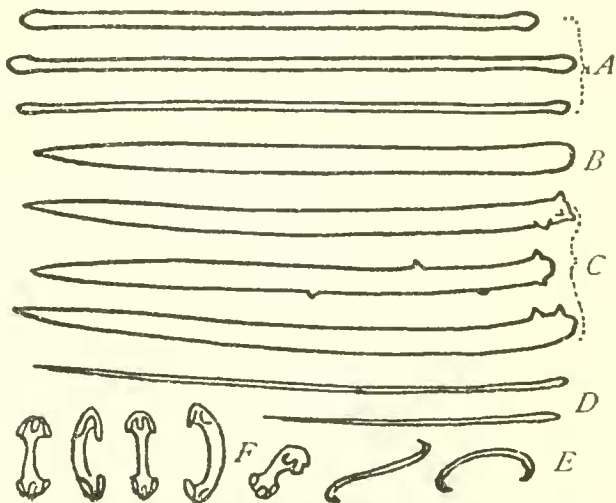


FIGURE 42.—*Lissodendoryx noxiosa* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$. *F*, row of chelas, one at right nearly in end view

The styles of *noxiosa* are peculiar in having a few large spines, there being usually either smooth styles, or styles with many small spines, or many large ones. The most striking characteristic, however, is the strong, offensive odor of *noxiosa*. I am familiar with one other *Lissodendoryx* in the living condition (a West Indian form): that has a pungent odor, seemingly the same. In view of the supposed close relationship of *Lissodendoryx* with *Myxilla*, it is interesting to note that none of the *Myxillas* I have known in the living state had this odor. The odor may not be proper, however, as in 1929 I found two specimens of this species that lacked it.

LISSODENDORYX REX de Laubenfels

Lissodendoryx rex DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21512; B.M. No. 29.8.22.63.

Type locality.—This sponge was growing on the macerated skeleton of a dictyonine sponge collected in Monterey Bay, Calif., depth 700 meters, by E. F. Ricketts, on May 9, 1929.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size, 2 cm high, 3 cm in diameter. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when dry, drab. Oscules, not evident. The exhalent openings presumably were toward the

concavity of the macerated hexactinellid on which this species grew, and therefore impossible to study. The bulk of the sponge was on the outer (convex) part of the hexact, but it ramified extensively into the dictyonine framework. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; very thin, detachable, fleshy. The dermis contains many of the sigmas, and a few scattered tangential tornotes, and is held up and away from the endosome by numerous fascicular bundles of the tornotes, perpendicular to the surface. The *Lissodendoryx* with which I am familiar in the West Indian region has just such an ectosomal structure. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with scattered styles, most of which have their points toward the surface.

Principal spicules, styles (fig. 43, *B*); size, about 16μ by 570μ . Ectosomal spicules, tylotes (fig. 43, *A*); size, about 7μ by 280μ . Microscleres, sigmas (fig. 43, *C*); length, 50μ to 55μ .

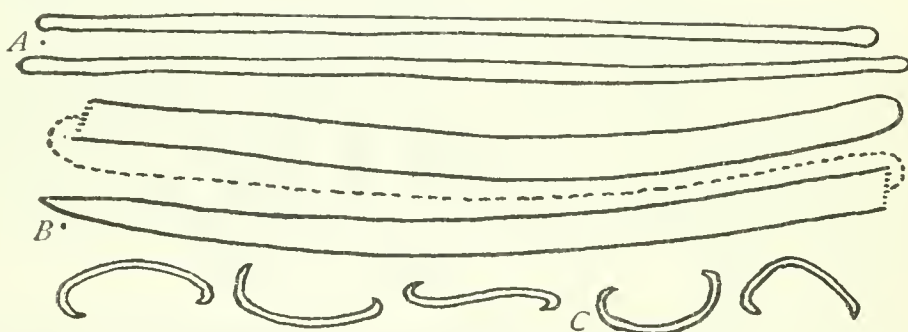


FIGURE 43.—*Lissodendoryx rex* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Remarks.—Generic allocation of this sponge is very difficult, even for a sponge. The ectosome is typically *Lissodendoryx* and so are the sigmas, but the complete absence of chelas makes one doubt that this genus is the proper one to use. Smooth styles in the endosome are also characteristic of *Lissodendoryx*, but not styles so much larger than the ectosomal spicules, and the structure is radically different. *Lissodendoryx* should have monaxons in compact and nearly isodictyal reticulation; this sponge has the mycalid structure of many *Biemnas*. *Biemna* has similar spiculation, moreover, except for the special dermal spicules, so this could be described as a *Biemna* with the ectosome of a *Lissodendoryx*. One might erect a new genus, but in view of the scarcity of specimens on hand I regard such action as not at present called for.

Lundbeck (1905) would make the distinction between *Myxilla* and *Lissodendoryx* that the former has anchorate chelas, the latter arcuate or palmate. Where the chelas occur this is doubtless the best line of demarcation. In this aberrant form lacking the chelas, however, *Lissodendoryx* is chosen because, as Lundbeck notes, it usually has

smooth principal spicules as against *Myxilla*'s usually spiny principal spicules. Topsent separated *Lissodendoryx* originally on just this difference.

Genus MYXILLA O. Schmidt

MYXILLA AGENNES de Laubenfels

Myxilla agennes DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21415; B.M. No. 29.9.30.14.

Type locality.—The one specimen was collected February 16, 1924, by the University of Southern California at Point Fermin near San Pedro, Calif., intertidal.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, 25 mm high, 30 mm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in alcohol, drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially very lumpy.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; this is 20μ to 60μ thick, not readily detachable, fleshy, and contains almost no spicules at all, but those present are tornotes. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with very numerous spicules, often in confusion, but occasionally in vague isodictyal reticulation, and again sometimes in ascending plumose columns ending in surface protuberances.

Principal spicules, styles usually curved or bent and usually quite smooth, but now and then with a few spines. Size, 7μ by 155μ to 10μ by 175μ . There are a very few about twice this size that may be

foreign. There are also many forms barely 1μ or 2μ thick, which seem to be developmental stages of those mentioned above (fig. 44, B, C); size, 7μ by 155μ to 10μ by 175μ . Ectosomal spicules, tornotes with ends microspined (fig. 44, A); size, 4μ by 145μ to 4μ by 155μ , rare. First microscleres, anchorate chelas (fig. 44, D, F); length, about 27μ , rare. Second microscleres, sigmas (fig. 44, E); length, 30μ to 36μ , rare.

Remarks.—This species is remarkable for the almost total loss of all but the styles, and on them of the almost total loss of the characteristic spination. The typical *Myxilla* structure is also almost lost. On the other hand, all the items are there, though in reduced quantity; a few characteristic dermal tornotes properly placed, a few spines in the endospicules, a few characteristic anchorate chelas, a few

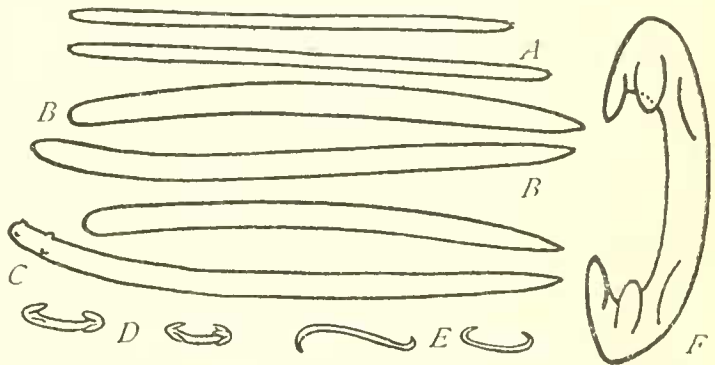


FIGURE 44.—*Myxilla agennes* de Laubenfels: F, side view of an anchorate chela, $\times 1,333$; others, $\times 300$

sigmas, and bits of the isodictyal reticulation. A little further reduction and one would have a *Hymeniacidon*, which like most every simple sponge genus is probably polyphyletic.

MYXILLA PARASITICA Lambe

Myxilla parasitica LAMBE, 1893, p. 31.

Holotype.—In the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.

Type locality.—The west coast of Canada.

Material examined.—One specimen was collected January 11, 1925, in the south end of Monterey Bay, Calif. The University of Southern California collected three: One on April 19, 1929, at Point Fermin, near San Pedro; one without locality data other than depth 30 meters; and one without locality data other than depth 60 meters.

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21473; B.M. No. 29.9.30.15).—Shape, amorphous. Size, up to 15 mm high, 5 cm in diameter. Consistency, firm. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, indistinct,

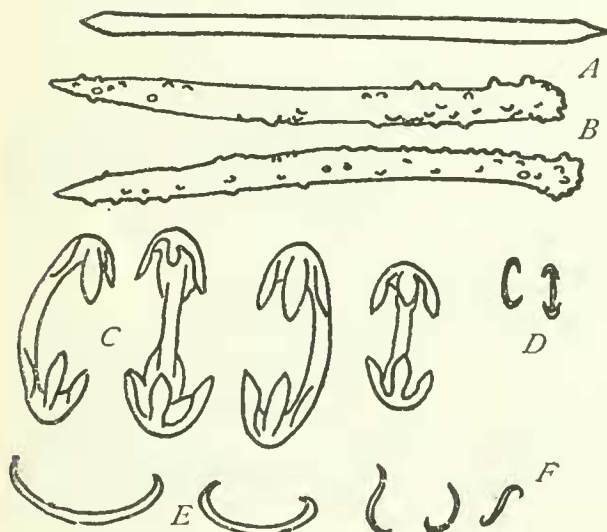


FIGURE 45.—*Myxilla parasitica* Lambe, $\times 300$

liable to confusion with the pores. Pores, at least 200μ in diameter when open. Surface, superficially very irregular; there are smooth places, also even more numerous lumps and depressions. Ectosomal specialization obscure, doubtful. Endosomal structure, a typical myxilloid isodictyal reticulation. Histological details: The flagellate chambers are subspherical, about 25μ in diameter.

Principal spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 45, B); size, 10μ by 170μ to 15μ by 200μ . Ectosomal spicules, hastate tornotes (fig. 45, A); size, 7μ by 170μ to 11μ by 210μ . First microscleres, anchorate chelas (fig. 45, C); length, 48μ to 68μ . Second microscleres, anchorate chelas (fig. 45, D); length, 14μ to 18μ . Third microscleres, sigmas (fig. 45, E, F); length, 22μ to 52μ .

Remarks.—The specimen collected by the University of Southern California differs from the Monterey specimens in the shape of the larger chela, its median tooth being very much smaller than the corresponding one in the sponge from central California. This variation within the species is surprising, but the agreement in other ways is so striking that there need be little hesitation in identifying

the two. The resemblance to Lambe's sponge is not complete, but it is still so great that I hesitate to create a new species when the geographical location is so close. The principal spicules of the Canadian sponge range somewhat larger, and it has a distinct category of very short acanthostyles that I do not find in the California specimens. Lambe's description mentions no sigmas more than 26μ . Aside from these items the agreement is very close. This species is rather close to *Myxilla rosacea* Lieberkühn, which is the type species of the genus, a Mediterranean form.

On May 11, 1929, I collected a sponge near Pacific Grove, Calif., that had the megascleres and all the characteristics of *M. parasitica*, but no microscleres. The literature contains very few references to myxillalike sponges without microscleres (see notes under *Myxilla versicolor*), so this occurrence is most remarkable. As *M. parasitica* is probably common in the vicinity, I hesitate to create a new species for this form, but hazard a guess that it was an aberrant growth of *M. parasitica*. It was crowded with embryos, ovoid in shape, about 200μ in diameter.

MYXILLA VERSICOLOR Topsent CALIFORNIANA, new variety

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21474; B.M. No. 29.8.22.20.

Type locality.—Laguna Beach, Calif., intertidal, March 14, 1926, collected by me.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, 15 mm thick, 5 cm in diameter. Consistency, fragile. Color in life and when preserved, pale drab. Oscules, not evident. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially tuberculate.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; very easily detachable, fleshy, containing abundant tangent tylostrongyles. Endosomal structure, collenchymatous, with spicules in tracts and others in confusion. Histological details: About 90μ below the surface was a layer of very dark cells, which may have been algae. Principal, or ascending, fibers about 40μ in diameter, cored by abundant styles.

Principal spicules, smooth tylostyles (fig. 46, *B*); size, 8μ by 265μ to 12μ by 250μ . There are also a few acanthostyles about 7μ by 150μ (fig. 46, *A*). Ectosomal spicules, tylostrongyles (fig. 46, *D*, *E*); size, 4μ by 240μ to 8μ by 235μ . Interstitial spicules, tylostrongyles, just like the dermal, are found also scattered through the flesh.

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be *Myxilla versicolor* Topsent (1893, p. xli), from Banyuls, France (on the Mediterranean coast), which differs in having much larger (400μ) endosomal tylostyles, more so and more usually spined, and in showing a variety of colors not yet found in the Californian form.

Similar species of this genus are reported from nowhere else, the complete absence of microscleres being noteworthy.

As noted under *Myxilla parasitica*, I collected another myxillid sponge in California with no microscleres, rather clearly an aberrant form of a common local species. *Myxilla versicolor* seems the only member of the group definitely attended with such a deficiency, and equally well marked by the peculiar dermal spicule.

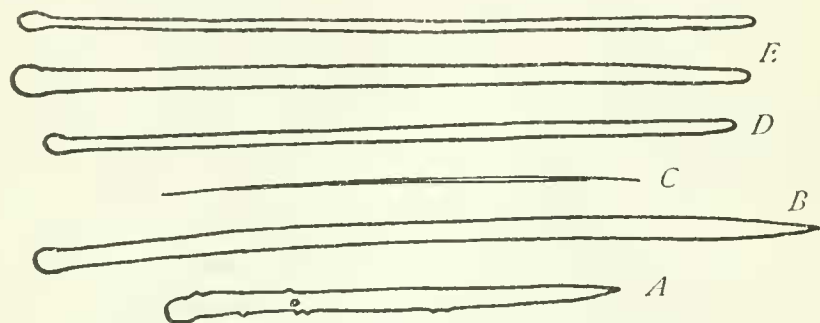


FIGURE 46.—*Myxilla versicolor* Topsent *californiana*, new variety. $\times 300$. C, problematical spicule, probably a very early stage of the megascleres, perhaps an uncommon microsclere (a rhapside)

In *M. versicolor californiana* the dermal spicules are also numerous in the endosome, and the typical *Myxilla* reticulation is lacking. This latter may or may not be true for the Mediterranean form, all of Topsent's specimens having been very thin incrustations.

Genus IOPHON J. E. Gray

IOPHON CHELIFER Ridley and Dendy CALIFORNIANA, new variety

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21401; B.M. No. 29.9.30.7.

Type locality.—A handful of fragments of this sponge was dredged by the University of Southern California on December 27, 1916, south of San Pedro, Calif., depth 48 meters.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, the largest fragment is about 2 cm in diameter; the size of the complete sponge (colony) can not be ascertained. Consistency, fragile. Color in alcohol, very dark brown. Oscules, very irregular; diameter, about 1 mm. Pores, minute. Surface, superficially very lumpy and irregular.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; it is fleshy, not easily detachable, and contains few spicules. The tyloles are bunched irregularly at or near the surface. Endosomal structure, "crumb-of-bread," with a dense myxilloid isodictyal reticulation of acanthostyles, cemented together by a small quantity of spongin at the nodes.

Principal spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 47, A); size, 12μ by 265μ to 13μ by 290μ . Ectosomal spicules, tyloles with heads microspined (fig. 47, C); size, 6μ by 250μ to 8μ by 240μ . Interstitial spicules, smooth styles (fig. 47, B); about 3μ in diameter; they are probably

developmental stages of the principal spicules. First microscleres, palmate anisochelas (fig. 47, *G*); length, 15μ to 33μ . Second microsclere, bipocillates (fig. 47, *E*); length always very close to 15μ , the shorter illustrations in the figure being end views.

Remarks.—This form differs from the typical species in having all its spicules, except the palmate anisochelas, somewhat smaller.

Lambe (1893, p. 30) describes sponges from the Pacific coast of Canada as *Iophon chelifer*, which should be regarded as synonymous with the new variety. Wilson (1904, p. 143) records sponges from

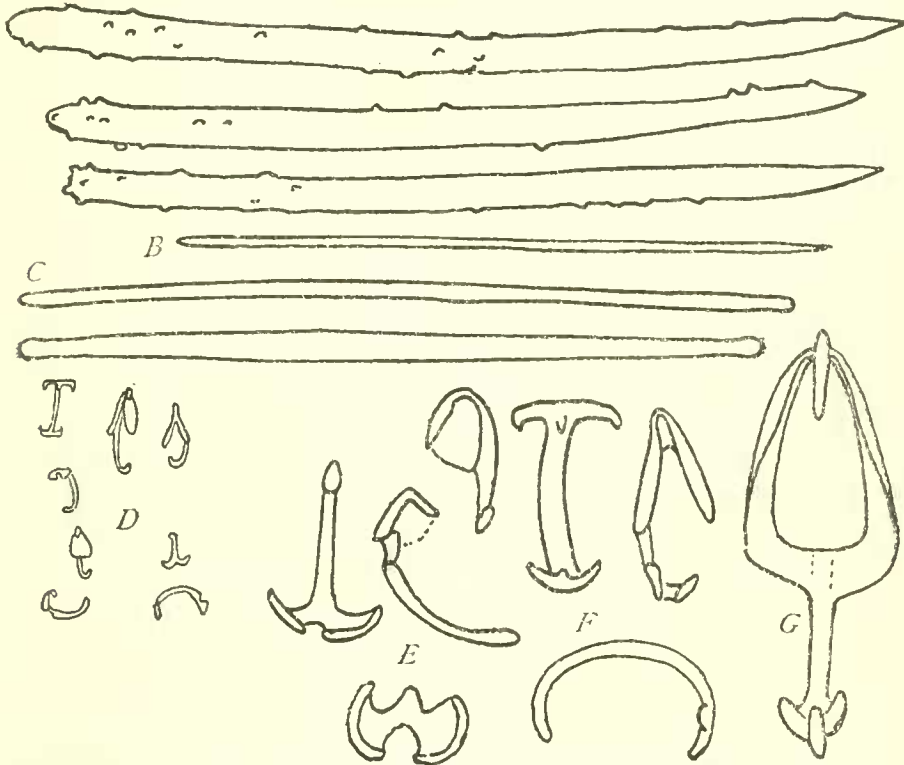


FIGURE 47.—*Iophon chelifer* Ridley and *Dendy californiana*, new variety: *E-G*, $\times 1,333$; others, $\times 300$. *F*, above and below, spicules more suggestive of anchorate chelas than of bipocillates. Such series as this, very easily noted in microscopical preparations of *Iophon*, point to the pathogenic distortions of chelas

the eastern tropical Pacific (*Albatross* Station 3384) as *chelifer*. variety *ostia-magna*. This seems not so close to the Californian form as Lambe's. The type of the species is from subantarctic waters (Ridley and Dendy, 1886, p. 349).

Genus TEDANIA J. E. Gray

TEDANIA TOPSENTI⁶ de Laubenfels

Tedania topsenti DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21490; B.M. No. 29.8.22.2.

Type locality.—Just below low-tide mark at Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., July, 1926; the holotype and several other specimens were all collected by me.

⁶ Named for Prof. Emile Topsent, of the University of Strasbourg.

Description.—Shape, massive to encrusting. Size, up to 3 cm thick and more than 3 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy. Color in life, reddish orange; preserved, very pale drab. Oscules, diameter 0.8 to 1.1 mm. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth with numerous tubercles less than 1 mm high.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; it is exceedingly thin and difficult to detach intact, and it contains tangentially placed tornotes. Endosomal structure, “crumb-of-bread,” with spicules in confusion. When collected the numerous embryos were conspicuous by their bright red color; they were subspherical and 220μ to 270μ in diameter. Histological details: The flagellate chambers are subspherical, 32μ to 40μ in diameter.

Principal spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 48, *B*); size, about 11μ by 250μ . Ectosomal spicules, tyloses (fig. 48, *A*); size, about 8μ to 200μ . Microscleres (?), raphides (fig. 48, *C*); size, about 2μ by 180μ .

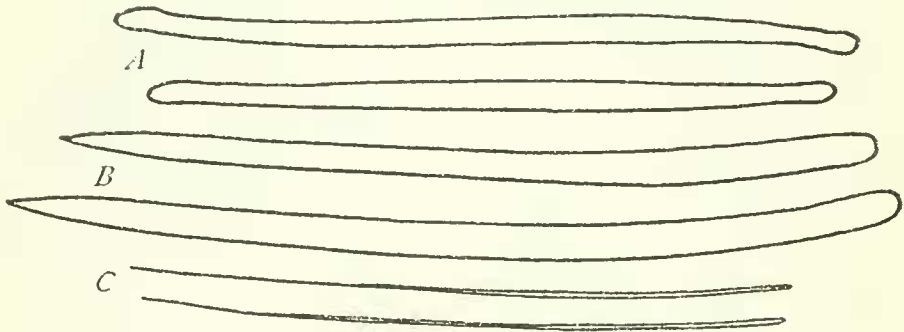


FIGURE 48.—*Tedania topsenti* de Laubenfels. $\times 300$

Remarks.—As compared to the other local *Tedania*, *T. toxicalis*, this form differs markedly in general appearance and color. It has fewer and thicker raphides; its endosomal subtylostyles are half again as thick; and the shape of the dermal tornotes of *topsenti* is quite peculiar. They are notable for the swollen shape of the central part of the shaft. The spicules here called raphides are not at all the raphides typical of the genus *Tedania*, but instead are possibly merely very young forms of the two sorts of megascleres. The general structure, however, and the spiculation of dermal tornotes over smooth styles are by definition *Tedania*. One isochela was found in a boiled-out spicule preparation, but several other similar preparations were made and they and several sections of the sponge itself were studied very carefully without the discovery of any more; it was doubtless foreign, but its occurrence should be recorded in view of the faint suggestion of resemblance to *Lissodendoryxa*. One might use *Kirkpatrickia* but for the very distinctive architecture of the one species (*K. variolosa*) of that genus.

TEDANIA TOXICALIS de Laubenfels

Tedania toxicalis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21492; B.M. No. 29.8.22.24.

Type locality.—Point Pinos, Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925, collected by me. In 1925 this species was abundant in one place and about a dozen specimens were collected, all within a range of a few square meters. In 1926, only a few specimens were observed at the same place, and at no time have I found any in any other locality.

This species was found associated with *Phyllospadix*, growing around the bases of the stems of this seaweed.

Description.—Shape, massive; a compound of smoothly rounded parts resembling masses of foam or froth. Size, 3 cm high, 5 cm in diameter. Consistency, softly fragile. Color in life, brownish red; preserved, very pale drab. Oscules, not readily made out, as the surface has numerous pits, from 1.5 to 3 mm in diameter; some of these may be due to seaweed that grew through the sponge, others but “blind” depressions, others oscules, and some of the smaller may be large inhalent apertures. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth with numerous cavities as noted above.

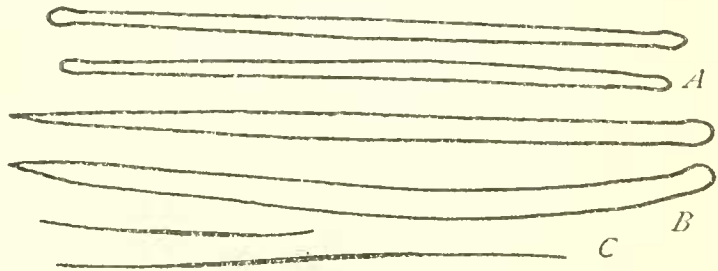


FIGURE 49.—*Tedania toxicalis* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; this is fleshy, detachable, about 20μ thick, and contains tangentially placed tyloles. Endosomal structure, “crumb-of-bread,” with numerous cavities about 1 mm in diameter surrounded by spicules tangent to their periphery, and in places vague tracts of spicules. Principal tracts about 30μ in diameter.

Principal spicules, subtyloles (fig. 49, B); size, 2μ by 100μ to 7μ by 200μ . Ectosomal spicules, tyloles (fig. 49, A); size, 8μ by 200μ to 14μ by 200μ . Microscleres, smooth rhabdites (fig. 49, C); size, about $\frac{2}{3}\mu$ by 150μ .

Remarks.—This is sharply marked off from most species of the genus by the tylole nature of its parenchymal monaxons. It has another striking character, its evident toxic nature, which may or may not be present in other species, as most lack descriptions of their characteristics when freshly collected. If a specimen of it be placed in a bucket with other living sea animals, as for example, fish, crabs, mollusks, and worms, in an hour or less they are observed to die, while in controls lacking the sponge they survive.

This is interesting enough to warrant much further investigation, but since 1926 I have been unable to locate any more examples of this species.

Genus **TEDANIONE** Wilson

TEDANIONE OBSCURATA de Laubenfels

Tedanione obscurata DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21494; B.M. No. 29.8.22.25.

Type locality.—The one specimen is from my personal collection, taken at Point Pinos, Pacific Grove, Calif., July, 1925, intertidal. It was completely covered by a thin growth of a compound ascidian of the family Diademnidae.

Description.—Shape, amorphous. Size, 25 mm high, 5 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, slightly less than 1 mm in diameter. Pores, not evident because of the overlying ascidian. Some of the openings resembling oscules may really be inhalent. Surface, covered as described above.

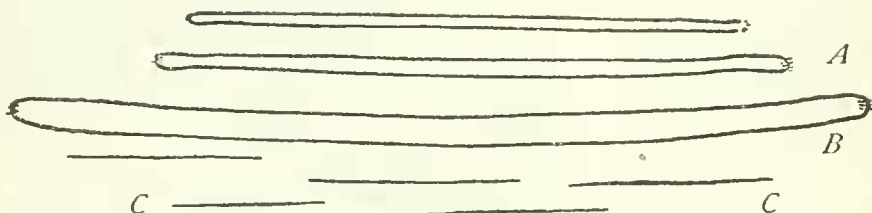


FIGURE 50.—*Tedanione obscurata* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Ectosomal specialization, none. Endosomal structure, “crumb-of-bread,” with abundant scattered spicules in confusion.

Principal spicules, tylostrongyles with heads microspined (fig. 50, A, B); size, 6μ by 200μ to 12μ by 300μ . Microscleres, raphides (fig. 50, C); size, about 2μ by 80μ .

Remarks.—In boiled-out spicule mounts one finds a few smooth styles, not shown in the figure. As these are very uncommon and do not show up in the sections of the sponge itself, they are probably foreign, yet they deserve mention. If they are proper, this would be a *Tedania*, having almost the entire sponge given over to ectosomal skeleton. Since this specimen had the ectosome proper replaced by the ascidian above mentioned, this is all quite puzzling.

The nearest relative of this form seems to be *T. wilsoni* Dendy, 1922, from the Indian Ocean, which differs in having all its spicules about half as thin as the California form; it also had distinct tracts and in general a more orderly structure. It, of course, was not combined with an ascidian, but was a thin crust on a hexactinellid sponge.

Family HYMEDESMIIDAE Topsent

Genus HYMENAMPHIASTRA de Laubenfels

Hymenamphiastra may be defined as differing from *Hymetrochota* in having unsymmetrical desmalike amphiasters instead of symmetrical birotulates. Genotype and only species: *Hymenamphiastra cyanocrypta*.

HYMENAMPHIASTRA CYANOCRYPTA de Laubenfels

Hymenamphiastra cyanocrypta DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21455; B.M. No. 29.8.22.18.

Type locality.—Point Pinos, Pacific Grove, Calif., July, 1925, collected by me. In July, 1929, I searched for this species, but did not find it. Several other investigators, however, discovered it, and according to their description it was in the same locality as in 1925, one sufficiently difficult to locate that I had missed it. Judged from their remarks, the colony had more than doubled in size during the four years' elapsing. This species has an unusual habitat. There are numerous rounded granite boulders piled one above the other, the top layer exposed only at very low tides. This top layer bears abundant life, but if one lifts many stones it is observed that the deeper ones are bare of life; they are, of course, in the dark. It was while investigating to see if any life at all occurred in these depths that this species was discovered. Though in 1925 it was found only about 60 cm below low-tide mark, in 1929, by enlarging its area, it had come up within 20 cm of that point.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, less than 1 mm thick but spreading laterally from stone to stone so that probably more than a square meter was covered. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life, rich dark cobalt blue, growing gradually paler and paler in alcohol; after four years much blue remains. Oscules, not evident. Pores, at least 10μ in diameter; perhaps larger when expanded. Surface, superficially velvety.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane only some 7μ thick, not easily detachable, fleshy, containing very few spicules. There are extensive subdermal spaces of great variation in size, some more than 100μ deep. Endosomal structure, at the base of the sponge, where it is in contact with the substratum, there is a thin layer of spongin, at least 10μ thick, perhaps much more. Many of the acanthostyles have their heads embedded in this, very nearly perfectly perpendicular to the substratum. Above this is a zone where some of the acanthostyles are strewn in confusion. Above this, near

the surface, is a zone where there are few acanthostyles, instead tornotes (subtylotes with hastate ends) in bundles and in confusion. Histological details: Some at least of the flagellate chambers are about 18μ in diameter. Throughout the sponge, but especially in the ectosomal regions, there are abundant dark blue spiral microbes, 4μ or 5μ long and about $\frac{1}{2}\mu$ thick, very probably symbionts, and certainly responsible for the blue color of the sponge. Bowerbank's *Hymeniacidon gelatinosa* (1866, p. 222, probably a *Laxosuberites*) and a sponge, perhaps identical, which Carter (1882, p. 355) identified as *Terpios coerulea*, have very similar color and symbionts. Carter called these microbes *Hypheotrix coerulea*. Topsent (1900, p. 199) says that he submitted them to M. Lignier, professor of botany at the University of Caen, who identified them as *Beggiatoa alba* var.

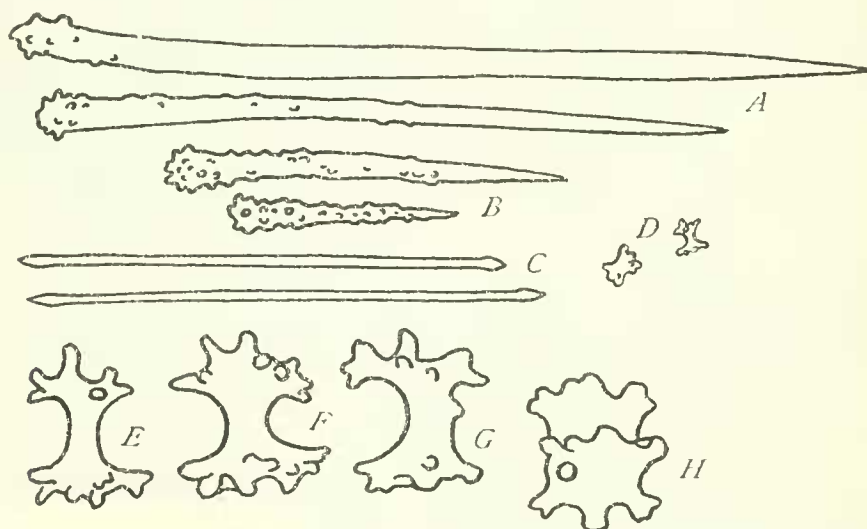


FIGURE 51.—*Hymenamphiasira cyanocrypta* de Laubenfels: A-D, $\times 300$; others, $\times 1,333$. H, one of the peculiar microscleres in end view

marina Cohn. Recent taxonomic botany does not admit any colored forms to the genus *Beggiatoa*.

Principal spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 51, A, B); size, 10μ by 75μ to 13μ by 280μ . Ectosomal spicules, tornotes (fig. 51, C); size, 3μ by 160μ to 3μ by 170μ . Microscleres, amphiassters (fig. 51, D-H); length, 10μ to 11μ .

Remarks.—The amphiassters are located abundantly throughout the sponge and might be regarded as greatly modified birotulates, but oftenest they closely resemble desmas. In one place in this sponge were found some anchorate isochelas 26μ long, some others 36μ long, and some sigmas about 16μ long. From their exceedingly local distribution, these would seem branded as foreign inclusions, but they are worthy of mention in view of the indicated relationships.

This form is obviously most clearly related to *Hymetrochota rotula* Topsent (1904, p. 168), type species of and only species in the

genus. If separate genera, such as *Lissodendoryx* and *Myxilla* are to be established upon a distinction of chela form, the Californian form with its contort desmalike obscure birotulates deserves a separate genus from *Hymetrochota*. *H. rotula* has megascleres much larger than those in *Hymenamphiastra*, and has neat symmetrical birotulates of the *Iotrochota* type. Reference to the anchorate chelas and the sigmas found in one place in *H. cyanocrypta* is interesting, because that portion exactly answers to the description of Bowerbank's *Hymedesmia*. *Hymenamphiastra*, *Hymetrochota*, *Hymedesmia*, and *Hymesigma* are clearly very closely related.

Genus ANAATA de Laubenfels, new name

Aaata DE LAUBENFELS, 1930. p. 27 (preoccupied).

The genus *Anaata* may be characterized as of the family Hymedesmiidae, with smooth monaxons in the ectosome, spiny monaxons in the endosome, and isochelas as microscleres. Genotype: *Anaata spongigartina*.

ANAATA SPONGIGARTINA de Laubenfels

Aaata spongigartina DE LAUBENFELS, 1930. p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21428; B.M. No. 29.8.22.13.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., May 11, 1929, intertidal, collected by me. At this locality is a spot, readily recognized from year to year, where there has been a growth of this sponge since 1925. It must either persist or recur regularly with brief absences; the former theory appearing much the more plausible. I know of only this one colony of this species in central California. On July 18, 1914, the University of Southern California collected this species on the wood pilings of the "Long Wharf," which was at Santa Monica, in southern California. Their specimen resembles the type to the most minute details that I could observe.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 5 mm thick and about 4 by 10 cm in area as growing. The specimens removed were but portions of this. Consistency, spongy. Color in life, rich brown, slightly reddish; preserved, very pale drab. Oscules—pores—craterlike openings over the entire surface, about one to each four square millimeters. Only the one sort of opening could be observed, and no decision is given as to whether all are exhalent or some inhalent. Each crater is externally a subspherical pit about 200 μ in diameter surrounded by sphinctrate contractile tissue. This does not operate so as to obliterate the pit by contraction, but as follows: At the rim of the crater is a palisade of very straight subtylostyles, points outward, about 100 μ of each extending beyond the protoplas-

mic structures. With contraction of the sphincter these spicules are tilted inward till their points almost or quite meet at an apex, creating a conical shield or cap over the aperture. At the base of the chamber there is typically a constriction, so that the opening from it to the ramifying canals of the endosome is only about 100μ in diameter. I have never observed the complete closure of the cap above referred to, at the least an opening of 100μ being left, but it may be assumed that upon appropriate stimulation, as perhaps by attempted entrance of some enemy, complete closure would be possible.

Surface, superficially smooth, with projections as described above.

Ectosomal specialization, spiculous; about 100μ to 200μ thick of spicules (principally the straight smooth subtylostyles) felted together exceedingly densely so there is room for but a minimum of

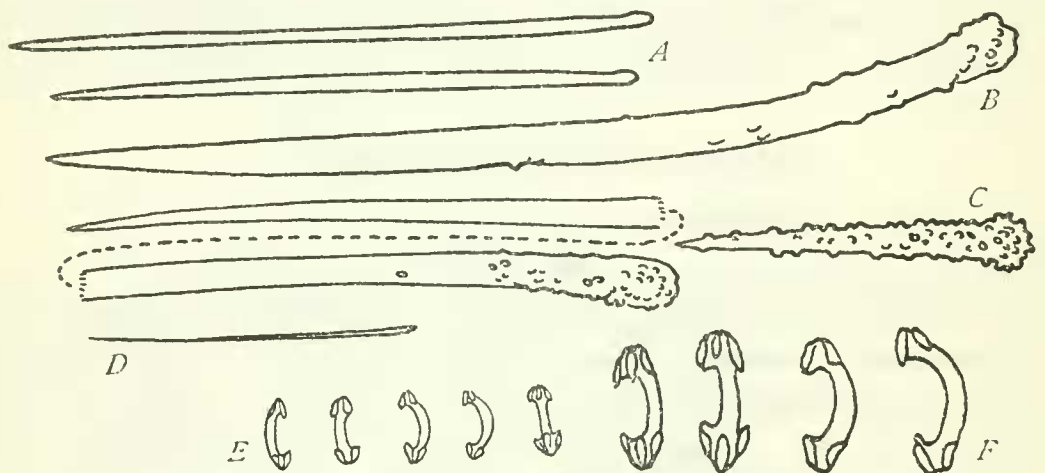


FIGURE 52.—*Anaata spongiartina* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

protoplasm. This makes an almost solid siliceous armor. From the difficulty in tearing or cutting this layer, one may guess the presence of spongin, but no evidence of it could be noted in sections. Endosome, a rather dense protoplasmic structure, with moderately numerous acanthotylostyles, typically perpendicular to the substratum, points upward. Histological details: There are flagellate chambers up to nearly 50μ in diameter.

Ectosomal spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 52, *A*); size, 6μ by 190μ to 5μ by 210μ . Endosomal spicules, acanthotylostyles (fig. 52, *B*, *C*); size, 13μ by 115μ to 13μ by 390μ . First microscleres, arcuate isochelas (fig. 52, *F*); length, 42μ to 50μ . Second microscleres, arcuate isochelas (fig. 52, *E*); length, 23μ to 25μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this species would seem to be *Leptosiopsis* Topsent (1927, p. 13), type species *L. inaequalis*. This has anisochelas of the anchorate type and is much subject to deformation, thus separating that genus from *Anaata* decidedly. *L. inaequalis* has its ectospicules often polytylote and its endospicules

almost twice as large as those of *spongigartina*. The peculiar nature of the orifices of *spongigartina* is most noteworthy.

Another genus worthy of mention here is *Leptosastra* Topsent (1904, p. 194), type species *L. constellata*, which has astrose microscleres instead of the chelas. If these asters be derived from such deformed chelas as are found in *Leptosiopsis*, and the chelas of *Leptosiopsis* be regarded as deformities of the symmetrical ones of *Anaata*, then these three genera might be regarded as a linear series. This is, of course, mere speculation.

ANAATA BREPHA de Laubenfels

Anaata brepha DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21427; B.M. Nos. 29.8.22.36, 29.8.22.57.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., intertidal, May 11, 1929, collected by me. It was growing over the shell of a *Hinnites* (a large sessile bivalve mollusk). The locality was about 5 meters from that of the holotype of *Anaata spongigartina*.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, well under 1 mm thick, and covering a shell about 7 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre.

Color in life, salmon red; dry, brownish red; in alcohol, pale flesh color.

The *Hinnites* was full of minute ova and was extruding these at the time of collection. The sponge was exactly the same color as these eggs. Oscules, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth but following the very rough contours of the shell of the scallop.

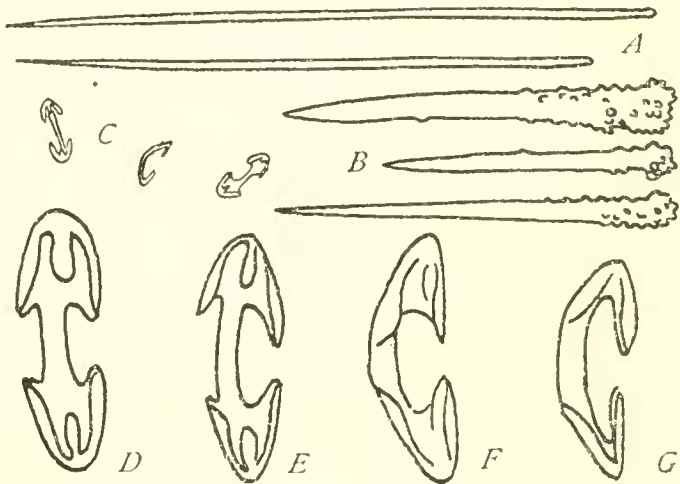


FIGURE 53.—*Anaata brepha* de Laubenfels: A-C, $\times 300$; others, $\times 1,333$

Ectosomal specialization, not discernible because of the extreme thinness of the sponge. The styles were very definitely dermal, however. Endosomal structure, no order discernible (note above), because of the thinness of the incrustation and the great irregularity of the substrate.

Ectosomal spicules, styles (fig. 53, A); size, 3μ by 190μ to 3μ by 210μ . Endosomal spicules, acanthotylostyles (fig. 53, B): size, 8μ by 95μ to 8μ by 130μ . Microscleres, arcuate isochelas (fig. 53, C-G); length, 17μ to 21μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be *Anaata spongigartina* from the same locality, which differs in having a second (larger) size range of chelas, and much larger megascleres. *A. brepha* also fails to show the very peculiar apertures of *spongigartina*, perhaps because of its exceedingly thin size. Various conjectures naturally arise. Is this but an immature form of *spongigartina*? Monaxon sponges are not known to show pronounced increase in spicule size with age. Are the differences due to some such ecological item as food, for example? We absolutely do not know, and consequently, in view of the very distinct differences, I make a new species for this, particularly because of the distinct difference in chela *shape* between the two forms, a difference seldom seen within a species.

Family EURYPONIDAE Topsent

Genus EURYPON J. E. Gray

EURYPON ASODES de Laubenfels

Eurypon asodes DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21442; B.M. 29.8.22.29.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., intertidal, May 11, 1929, collected by me.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 0.2 to 0.5 mm thick; the incrustation in the field covered a space about the size of a hand, but the largest specimens obtainable were about 1 cm in diameter. Color in life, rich yellow; preserved, pale drab. Oscules, punctiform, diameter about 100μ , abundant. Pores, not evident, or confused with the oscules. Surface superficially smooth, slimy.

Ectosomal specialization, vague. Endosomal structure, there is a basal layer of what seems to be spongin, in which are embedded, *Hymedesmia*-like, the heads of acanthostyles of two sorts. There are larger, less spiny ones, and shorter more spiny ones. Free in among the protoplasmic structures are very numerous long straight smooth tylostyles and abundant microscleres.

Principal spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 54, *B*); size, 8μ by 100μ to 13μ by 345μ . Interstitial spicules, tylostyles (fig. 54, *A*); size, 3μ by 180μ to 4μ by 250μ . Microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 54, *C-E*); length, 3μ to 13μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relatives of *asodes* seem to be *Eurypon microchela* Stephens (1916, p. 240), where stress is laid upon the chelas being as small as 8μ . *E. microchela* is from about 1,000 meters depth off the coast of Ireland. Its megascleres are more than twice the size of those of *asodes*, in addition to the difference in microscleres. Another species worthy of mention here is Thiele's *Micro-*

ciona discreta (Thiele, 1905, p. 447) from the coast of Chile. It has toxas as well as chelas, which latter we note are remarkably small (8μ), and its spicules, other than the dermal, are much thicker than those in *asodes*. It also differs in having plumose ascending columns of spicules. Topsent (1914, p. 618) made this the type of his genus *Dictyciona*. That this genus is synonymous with *Eurypon* may well be argued.

The smallness of the chelas of *asodes* is phenomenal. Very accurate measurement showed many as small as 0.0035 mm in total length. Whitelegge (1906, p. 471), describing *Esperiopsis canaliculata*, lists chelas 0.0014 mm long, but does not speak in his text as if

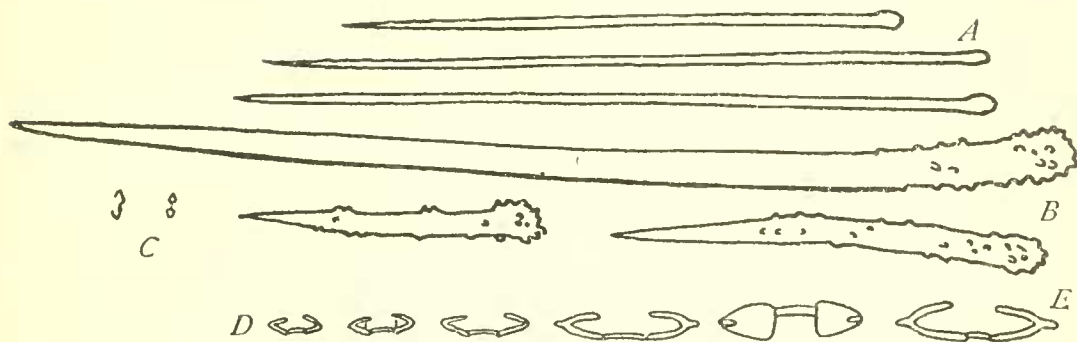


FIGURE 54.—*Eurypon asodes* de Laubenfels: A-C, $\times 300$; others, $\times 1,333$

they were at all marvelous; one is very much inclined to believe it a misprint for 0.014 mm; if not, that is the only instance I can find of smaller microscleres than these remarkable ones of *Eurypon asodes*.

Family MICROCIONIDAE⁶

Genus MICROCIONA Bowerbank

MICROCIONA MICROJOANNA de Laubenfels

Microciona microjoanna DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21468; B.M. No. 29.8.22.28.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, Calif., May 11, 1929, collected by me. The species is moderately common in central California, and there was a specimen in the collection of the University of Southern California. This latter was taken near Point Vicente, July 5, 1924, depth 18 meters, and is U.S.N.M. No. 21406.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 2 cm thick, 7 cm in diameter. Consistency, firm, slightly spongy. Color of holotype in life, brilliant scarlet; that collected from the same locality in 1926 was a beautiful rich pink. That collected by the University of Southern California bore no notation of color in life. All fade to drab in preservatives. Oscules, round, scattered, with sphinctrate membrane; diameter 1.5 mm; they are found only where the sponge

⁶ For Clathriidae Hentschel, because *Microciona* supplants *Clathria*.

is thicker than 15 mm. Pores, 60μ to 75μ in diameter; abundant over the entire surface. Surface, superficially pilose, with spicules.

Ectosomal specialization, vague. There seem to be no special ectosomal spicules, unless those rated as interstitial may be so regarded; their location is definitely down amidst the endosomal structures, however. Endosomal structure, predominantly protoplasmic, with ascending plumose columns of smooth styles, sparsely echinated by small acanthostyles. Numerous slender subtylostyles are scattered in the flesh and protrude from the surface. Histological details: The abundant flagellate chambers are about 30μ in

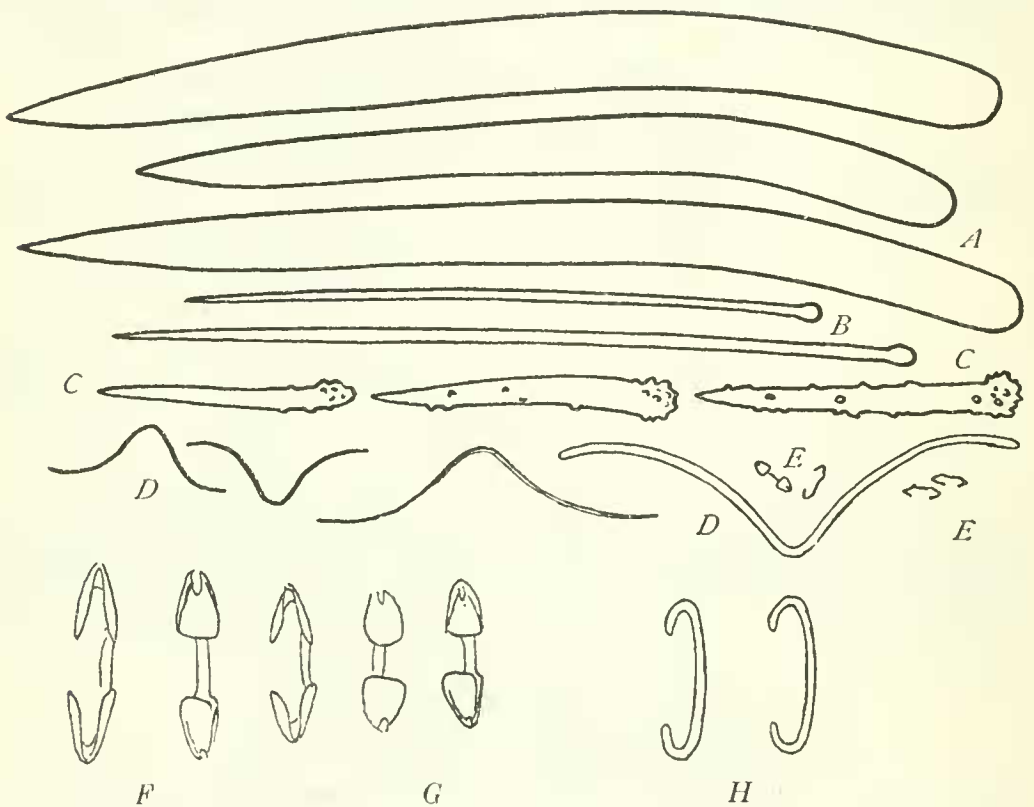


FIGURE 55.—*Microciona microjoanna* de Laubenfels: A–E, $\times 300$; others, $\times 1,333$

diameter. Ascending fibers, about 300μ in diameter, containing little spongin.

Interstitial spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 55, B); size, 3μ by 205μ to 4μ by 260μ . Coring spicules, smooth styles (fig. 55, A); size, 20μ by 280μ to 27μ by 330μ . Echinating spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 55, C); size, 5μ by 85μ to 10μ by 100μ . First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 55, E–G); length, 12μ to 16μ . Second microscleres, toxas (fig. 55, D); length 60μ by 140μ . Third microscleres, peculiar sigmoid siliceous bodies present in small numbers in boiled-out samples of the specimen collected in 1926 (fig. 55, H); they may not be proper and may have some connection with the chelas, but satisfactory explanation of them is not now at hand.

Remarks.—There is a group of sponges, characterized, among other features, by fibers cored with smooth monaxones and echinated by

spiny monaxons, usually with toxas and palmate isochelas for microscleres; the generic name *Clathria* has usually been employed for this group. *Clathria* was erected by Schmidt (1862, p. 57), and the genotype fixed by Vosmaer (1885, p. 356) as *C. coralloides* Schmidt. Schmidt's description says quite plainly that his sponge had only smooth spicules. Topsent (1925, p. 645) described a sponge that he assumed to be the *coralloides* of Schmidt and that had smooth monaxons, toxas, and palmate isochelas. Topsent's identification may be correct, but one can not be certain; Schmidt mentions no microscleres in his species at all, for example. Both Schmidt's and Topsent's species, however, are clearly congeneric with the group usually called *Ophlitaspongia*, and not with that called *Clathria*.

Shall we drop *Ophlitaspongia* in favor of *Clathria*? Both were published in 1862, *Clathria* in the latter part of the year. Unless definite evidence is forthcoming to show that *Ophlitaspongia* was published yet later, I propose to retain it.

Microciona Bowerbank (1862, p. 1109), genotype *M. astrosanguinea* Bowerbank, differs from so-called *Clathria* only in external form, being encrusting instead of with branching and anastomosing projections. It will be noted, however, that juvenile specimens of the so-called *Clathria* are often encrusting, that the encrusting form is very often the result of environmental factors such as strong currents, and that some species well established as *Microciona*, for example, *M. prolifera* Verrill, with old age assume the clathrous shape. I see no reason for maintaining separate genera for such insignificant differences, and propose that the whole group be termed *Microciona*.

The most distinctive items about *M. microjoanna* are the very large size of the coring spicules and the fact that they are stylote, instead of subtylostylote.

MICROCIONA PARTHENA de Laubenfels

Microciona parthena DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 27.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21383; B.M. No. 29.9.30.6.

Type locality.—Point Vincente (near San Pedro), Calif., depth 26 meters, November 15, 1924, dredged by the University of Southern California. A second specimen (U.S.N.M. No. 21397) was taken the same day and at the same locality, but at 32 meters. A third was dredged south of San Pedro, depth 45 meters, other data lacking.

Description.—Shape, amorphous to encrusting. Size, up to 2 cm thick, 4 cm in diameter. Consistency, mediocre. Color in life, red; in alcohol, drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially tuberculate, the tubercles hispid.

Ectosomal specialization, vague or wanting. Endosomal structure, a mass of plumose ascending columns, scarcely connected with

one another except at the base. Principal, or ascending, fibers about 200μ in diameter.

Interstitial spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 56, *B*); size, 3μ by 260μ to 5μ by 300μ . Coring spicules, smooth styles (fig. 56, *A*); size, 27μ by 350μ to 33μ by 430μ to 30μ by 475μ . Echinating spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 56, *C*); size, 5μ by 100μ to 8μ by 108μ . First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 56, *D*); length, 24μ to 28μ . Second microscleres, large toxas (fig. 56, *F*); size, 3μ by 40μ to 7μ by 72μ . Third microscleres, small toxas (fig. 56, *E*); length, 14μ to 22μ .

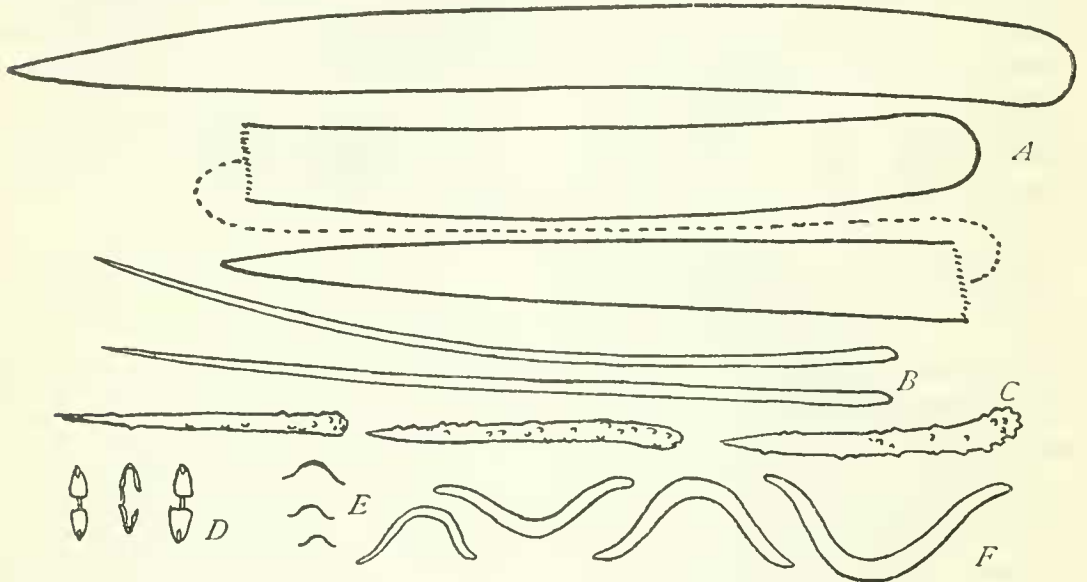


FIGURE 56.—*Microciconia parthena* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be *Microciconia microjoanna* from central and southern California, which differs in having chelas of very different shape, toxas of only one size range, a quite different shape, and coring styles very much smaller.

Genus CLATHRIOPSAMMA Lendenfeld

CLATHRIOPSAMMA PSEUDONAPYA de Laubenfels

Clathriopsamma pseudonapya DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21436; B.M. No. 29.8.22.19.

Type locality.—The one specimen is from Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, June 30, 1926.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 1 cm thick, 4 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy to fragile. Color in life, yellow; preserved, pale drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth, with irregularly scattered conules about 1 mm high.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane, about 50μ thick; it is fleshy, detachable, and contains some tangent spicules of the sorts

found in the endosome. Endosomal structure, mostly sand. For further details, see notes given below concerning spicule locations.

Interstitial spicules, tylostyles (fig. 57, *A*); size, 8μ by 330μ to 8μ by 355μ , heads microspined. These occur in sparsely scattered fascicular bundles or tracts in the endosome, points toward the surface, also scattered without order in the ground substance, and most abundantly scattered tangentially in the ectosome. Echinating spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 57, *C*); size, 5μ by 60μ to 7μ by 70μ . First microscleres, toxas (fig. 57, *D*); length, 40μ to 72μ . Second microscleres, microxeas (fig. 57, *E*); size, $\frac{1}{5}\mu$ by 52μ to $\frac{4}{5}\mu$ by 65μ .

Remarks.—This species is assigned to *Clathriopsamma* with much hesitation, that genus being poorly known. It was created by von Lendenfeld in 1888 (p. 227), type species *C. reticulata*, according to Hallmann (1920, p. 771). Lendenfeld's description is, of course,

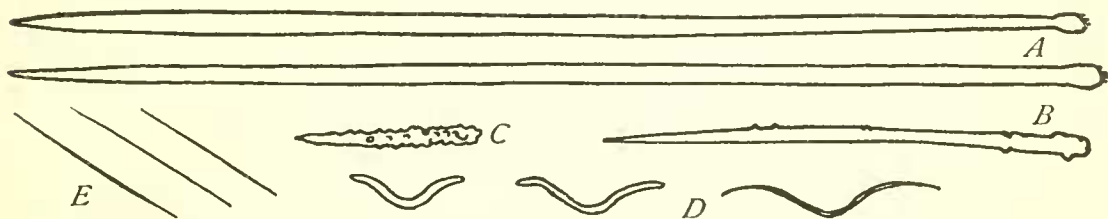


FIGURE 57.—*Clathriopsamma pseudonapya* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$. *B*, an uncommon spicule intermediate between the other two megascleres

worthless. Hallmann's redescription is as good as possible in view of the damaged condition of the specimen.

C. pseudonapya has too elaborate a dermis to be a *Microciona*, and because its dermal spicules are tangent instead of perpendicular and as large as, instead of smaller than, the endosomal it can not be *Eurypon*. *Fusifera* is of great interest here, as it has also the sand inclusions. Its megascleres are all very small, however, and it has distinctive shuttle-shaped microxeas instead of the exceedingly thin ones of *pseudonapya*.

Genus JIA de Laubenfels

This genus may be characterized by peculiar microscleres shaped like the letter **J**, one end blunt and the other of ultimate fineness. The known species has also chelas and toxas. The megascleres are monaxons (partly acanthose) in confusion. Genotype and only species: *Jia jia*.

JIA JIA de Laubenfels

Jia jia DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21510; B.M. Nos. 29.8.22.30.

Type locality.—The one specimen is from Monterey Bay, Calif., depth 700 meters, collected May 9, 1929, by E. F. Ricketts. The

sponge was growing on a macerated dictyonine hexactinellid skeleton.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 8 mm thick, 3 by 6 cm in area. Consistency, very fragile. Color in life, drab with a distinct tinge of orange; dry, dull, drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially wavy, the ridges about 2 mm high and 3 to 4 mm from crest to crest.

Ectosomal specialization vague, but probably to be characterized as a dermal membrane. Endosomal structure, “crumb-of-bread,” with the spicules in complete confusion.

Principal spicules, styles, usually smooth, but occasionally with a few large spines (fig. 58, *B*); size, 18μ by 340μ to 33μ by 415μ . In-

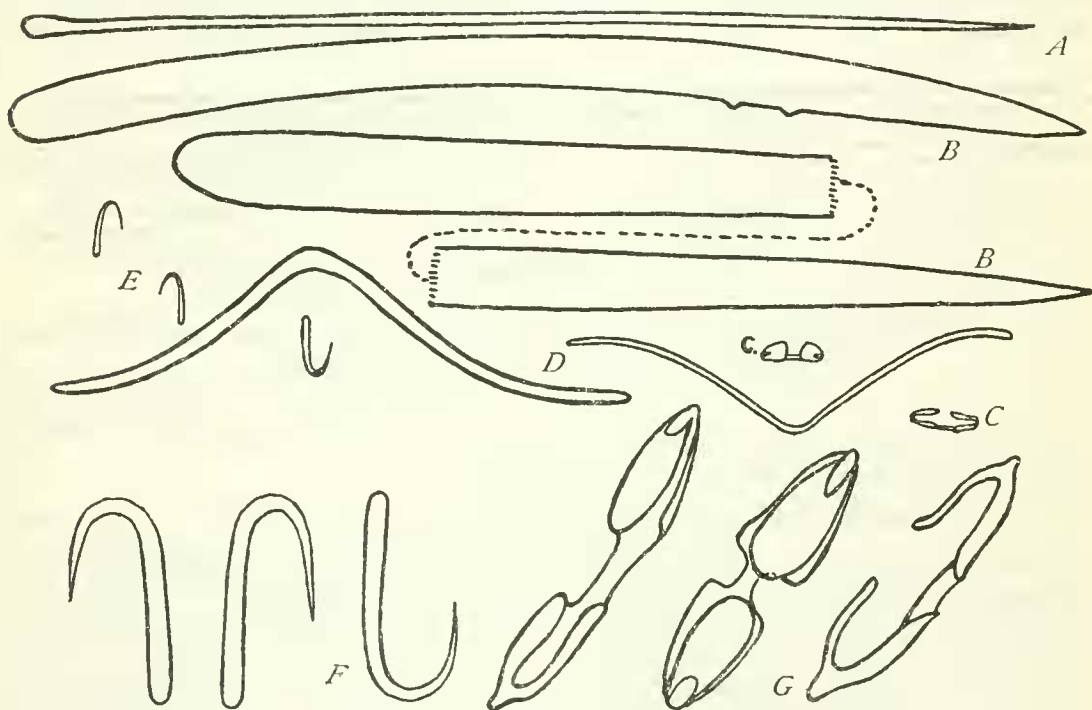


FIGURE 58.—*Jia jia* de Laubenfels: *F*, *G*, $\times 1,333$; others, $\times 300$

terstitial spicules, tylostyles (fig. 58, *A*); size, about 5μ by 330μ . First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 58, *C*, *G*); length, 24μ to 29μ ; they are quite markedly contorted. Second microscleres, toxas (fig. 58, *D*); length, 145μ to 190μ . Third microscleres, J-shaped (fig. 58, *E*, *F*); the length from the large end to the bend is between 16μ and 17μ , with very little variation. The entire microsclere if straightened out would probably be 30μ to 35μ long. At the thicker, longer branch they reach a diameter of about 0.0015 mm and terminate in a rounded shape like a microstyle. Throughout their length they grow progressively finer, so that even with oil immersion it is impossible to see exactly where they end, the slender branch growing finer and finer down to the limit of vision. This is most extraordinary. They are very nearly in one plane, not contort.

Remarks.—The nearest approach to the peculiar microsclere of this genus seems to be the sigmas of the sponge described as *Dendoryx luciensis* Topsent (1889, p. xxxvii).

The closest genus to this one seems to be *Amphilectus*. This has been used as such a "catch-all," however, that one awaits a revision of it before using it with confidence. The most remarkable microscleres afford ample ground for a new genus here, and the other structures are rather peculiar, too. The lack of order and plan, plus spicules partly smooth, partly acanthose yet not showing indications of echinate architecture, together with the palmate chelas and toxas, are all novel.

Genus ISOCIONA Hallmann

ISOCIONA LITHOPHOENIX (de Laubenfels)

Plocamia lithophoenix DE LAUBENFELS, 1927, p. 263.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21460; B.M. No. 29.8.22.42.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925, collected by me. The species is abundant in central California, and the University of Southern California had three specimens from the southern part of the State, all without depth record and possibly intertidal. They were taken as follows: Santa Catalina Island, March 21, 1915, and April 1, 1915; and Whites Point (near San Pedro), August 1, 1925.

Description.—Shape, massive to encrusting. Size, up to 3 cm thick, 10 cm in diameter. Consistency, firm, slightly compressible. Color in life, brilliant vermilion red; preserved, very pale drab. Oscules, rare; diameter, about 0.5 mm. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially tuberculate, tubercles 1 to 2 mm high, crowded all over the surface.

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking, except for the dense stand of erect spicules. Endosomal structure, a dense isodictyal reticulation exactly of the *Myxilla* type, meshes often triangular, cells walled in with ranks of very spiny spicules. If one searches, one finds here and there a few smooth styles, points toward the surface. These may be regarded theoretically as vestiges of coring spicules of vanished ascending tracts, the echinating spicules of which have proliferated into ascendancy. Our typical *Myxillas* may have similarly developed from fibroreticulate ancestors. Along the canals leading to the openings mentioned as probably oscular are regions packed with long smooth straight tylostyles. These same spicules stand upright about the apertures and are densely felted all over the surface, together with a few obviously foreign spicules. There is often a layer of the chelas between the tylostyle felt and

the acanthostyle reticulation. Some chelas and smooth tylostyles are mixed in with the spiny spicules of the parenchyma. Texas occur in both places.

Principal spicules, acanthostyles to acanthostrongyles (fig. 59, *C*); size, 12μ by 120μ to 12μ by 140μ . These were interpreted in my earlier paper on this species as acanthotylotes, but further study shows the supposed tylote enlargement of the ends to be merely the somewhat greater spination at these points; actually this spicule is basically a style, and its pseudotylote shape is derived, I believe, from its attachment at both ends in connection with the very distinctive type of reticulation present. A few that project freely into canals are larger (up to 180μ) and obviously stylote. Ectoso-

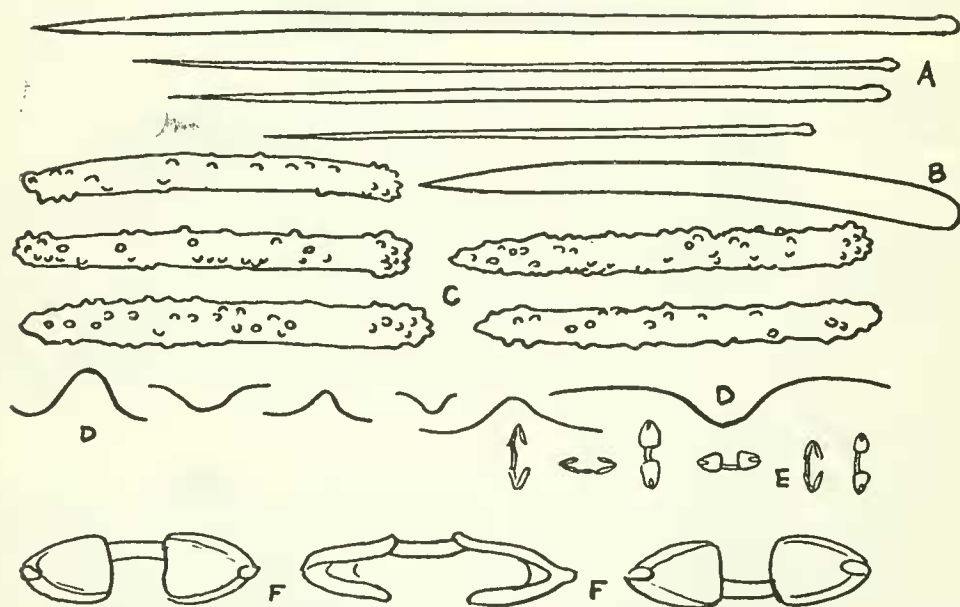


FIGURE 59.—*Isociona lithophoenix* (de Laubenfels): *E*, *F*, $\times 1,333$; others; $\times 300$

mal spicules, tylostyles (fig. 59, *A*); size, 3μ by 180μ to 4μ by 305μ . Third type of spicules, acanthostyles (not figured); size, about 12μ by 180μ . Fourth type of spicules, smooth styles (fig. 59, *B*); size, 9μ by 200μ to 14μ by 180μ , rare. First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 59, *E*, *F*); length, 19μ to 24μ . Second microscleres, texas (fig. 59, *D*); length, 23μ to 110μ .

Remarks.—The only other described species of *Isociona* is *tuberosa* Hentschel (1911, p. 326), which lacks the texas and the rare smooth endosomal styles and has small (4μ by 90μ) endosomal spicules, less spiny than in *lithophoenix*. This West Australian sponge was dredged from 3 meters. Hentschel described it as *Lissodendoryx* with much hesitation, commenting that a new genus might be needed. In 1920 (p. 768), Hallmann discussed it further and erected *Isociona* for it. I agree heartily with Hallmann.

Family PLOCAMIIDAE Topsent

Genus PLOCAMIA O. Schmidt

PLOCAMIA KARYKINA de Laubenfels

Plocamia karykinos DE LAUBENFELS 1927, p. 262.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21480; B.M. No. 29.8.22.35.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925. The species is very abundant in central California but seems lacking in the southern part of the State.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 4 cm thick, spreading laterally indefinitely. The thickness is usually well under 1 cm. Consistency, firm, woody. Color in life, brilliant scarlet; preserved, drab. Oscules, sometimes with slightly raised collars; diameter 1 to 2 mm; about one to the square centimeter. Pores about 180μ in diameter when fully open; about one to the square millimeter. Surface, superficially hispid; level.

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking. The tylostyles classed as interstitial are also found rather frequently at the surface. Endosomal structure, plumose ascending columns with ladderlike connectives. Ascending fibers, 50μ to 100μ in diameter, cored by subtylostyles. Accessory or transverse fibers consisting of single spicules only, the tyloles.

Principal spicules, subtylostyles with microspined heads (fig. 60, *B*); size, 18μ by 175μ to 22μ by 220μ . Secondary spicules, tyloles with microspined heads (fig. 60, *C*); size, 16μ by 210μ to 22μ by 175μ . Interstitial spicules, tylostyles (fig. 60, *A*); size, 2μ by 200μ to 3μ by 160μ ; besides occurring interstitially these are almost common enough at the surface to be considered also as ectosomal. First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 60, *E, F*); length, 10μ to 17μ . Second microscleres, toxas (fig. 60, *D*); length, 18μ to 80μ .

Remarks.—This species has a characteristic useful in field determination—upon injury, it emits copious quantities of a colorless slime not conspicuous before the injury.

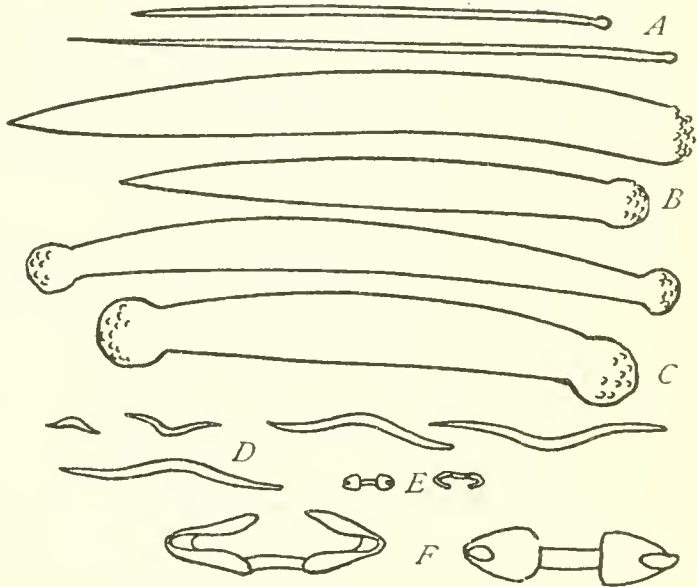


FIGURE 60.—*Plocamia karykina* de Laubenfels: Two spicules (*F*), $\times 1,333$; others, $\times 300$

As for the relationships of this species, I may quote my 1927 article (p. 263), as follows:

Its closest relatives are *P. manaarensis* Carter, 1880, from India, and *P. noviselanica* Ridley 1881, from New Zealand. Both of these, however, are *Gorgonia*-like in architecture, the former has an isodictyal structure, the latter has its tyloles entirely spined and both have very large smooth styles quite unlike any in our local form.

There is in the United States National Museum a small fragment of a sponge with no more definite locality record than from "The Coast of California," which Mr. L. M. Lambe identified as *P. manaarensis*. It certainly is not the Indian sponge, but there is not enough of it to be sure if it is *P. karykinos* or some other *Plocamia*.

PLOCAMIA IGZO, new species

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 22058; B.M. 30.10.8.1.

Type locality.—Collected by me at Point Pinos, Calif., intertidal, July 11, 1930.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 9 mm thick. Consistency, stiff to fragile. Color in life, carmine-red. Oscules, not evident. Pores, very evident; 20μ to 25μ in diameter and only about 70μ to 75μ apart, center to center. The surface was minutely hispid, very lumpy.

Ectosomal specialization, a very intangible protoplasmic dermis, not separable; it contains abundant microscleres. Endosomal structure:

There are rather meandering but in general ascending plumose tracts, containing perhaps a little spongin. The total diameter of each is about 200μ , and each is profusely echinated by smooth monaxons.

There are regions where the flesh contains practically no spicules

except the microscleres. Principal spicules, tylostyles with heads often but apparently not always spined, the spines varying from coarse to exceedingly fine (fig. 61, *A-C*); the common range is from 11μ by 190μ to 35μ by 240μ . Some very thin ones are probably immature or undeveloped examples of this spicule sort. These spicules make up the bulk of the megascleres; namely, the plumose columns. Secondary spicules, tyloles, with heads varying from rather coarsely spined to very finely so, or not at all (fig. 61, *D-F*); the size range is commonly about 13μ by 130μ , but there are much thinner ones, pre-

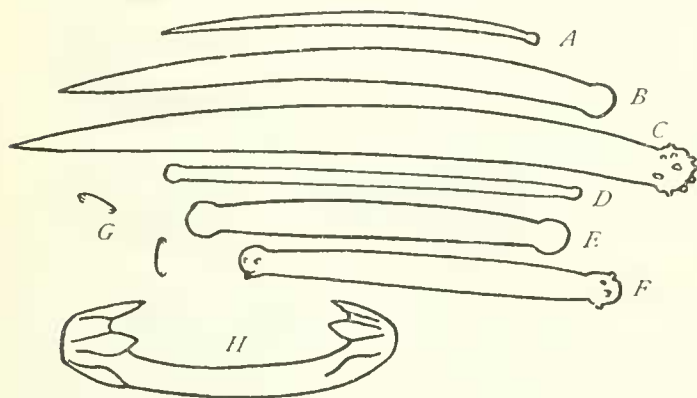


FIGURE 61.—*Plocamia igzo*, new species, $\times 300$, except *H*, $\times 2,400$

sumably immature. These tylotes are chiefly interstitial but occur here and there in the plumose tracts. The microscleres are arcuate isochelas 14μ long (fig. 61, *G, H*).

Remarks.—The probability must be considered that this is a variation of *Plocamia karykina*, from the same locality, which has very similar megascleres and architecture. *P. karykina* shows no signs, however, of varying toward the characteristics of *igzo* in the respects wherein the latter differs from it. *P. igzo* is darker red than *karykina*, its chelas are very different in shape, approaching those for which Topsent (1927, p. 17) separated *denticulata* from *Plocamia* into his new genus *Plocamiancora*. *P. karykina* has few chelas and many toxas. It seems advisable, therefore, to regard *igzo*, at least provisionally, as a separate species.

The closest description to that of *Plocamia igzo* is that of *Plocamia plena* Sollas (1879, p. 44), which, however, differed in having small entirely acanthose styles in addition to the spicule sorts of *igzo*. It had toxas and isochelas that seem to have been either anchorate or arcuate (it can not be ascertained which from the figures or description). It was collected from deep water off the west coast of Africa.

Family ? (MICROCIONIDAE or DESMACIDONIDAE)

Genus OPHLITASPONGIA Bowerbank

OPHLITASPONGIA PENNATA (Lambe) CALIFORNIANA, new variety

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21475; B. M. No. 29.8.22.37.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925. This variety is very abundant in central California, where I have found it nearer high-tide mark than any other sponge; it seems always to be so placed as to avoid direct sunlight, however, shaded usually by seaweed.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 2.5 mm thick, spreading laterally indefinitely. Consistency, firm, slightly spongy. Color in life, scarlet; preserved, drab. Oscules, not peculiar as seen in life, but on drying or taking out of water each is seen to be in the center of a stellate figure of radiating grooves that is locally very distinctive; the size is about 0.6 mm in diameter. Pores, minute, abundant. Surface, superficially velvety.

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking. Endosomal structure, permeated by plumose tracts cored and echinated by smooth subtylostyles. At the surface these make extensive brushes or tufts. The echinating spicules often make a picture strongly suggestive of *Esperiopsis originalis* (which see, for further comparisons). Ascending fibers, 60μ to 90μ in diameter.

Principal spicules, subtylostyles (fig. 62, *A*); size, 17μ by 215μ to 22μ by 261μ . Microscleres, toxas (fig. 62, *C*); length, 45μ to 55μ . There are also raphides or very slender tylostyles (fig. 62, *B*); size, about 2μ by 140μ , which may be regarded as microscleres or as interstitial megascleres.

Remarks.—The original name for this species was *Desmacella pennata* Lambe (1894, p. 129), from Vancouver Island, about latitude $48^{\circ} 20' N.$, longitude $123^{\circ} 40' W.$ (holotype, now U.S.N.M. No. 7488). It had styles with microspined heads, total size from

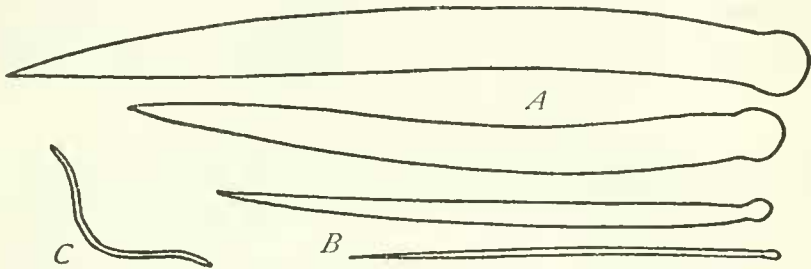


FIGURE 62.—*Ophlitaspongia pennata* (Lambe) *californiana*, new variety, $\times 300$

16μ by 170μ to 19μ by 379μ , and toxas both more numerous and much larger (72μ to 255μ) than in the Californian form, which is therefore described here as a new variety.

Family ACARNIDAE Topsent

Genus ACARNUS J. E. Gray

ACARNUS ERITHACUS de Laubenfels

Acarus erithacus DE LAUBENFELS 1927, p. 258.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21430; B.M. No. 29.8.22.32.

Type locality.—Near Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal.

Material examined.—Nine specimens, as follows:

1. Collected about 1850 from "California." Zoological Museum, Berlin.
2. No date nor data, except southern California. Univ. Southern California coll.
3. January 28, 1924, Santa Catalina Island, 36 meters, bottom temperature 15° . Univ. Southern California coll., U.S.N.M. No. 21416.
4. July, 1925, Pacific Grove; intertidal (holotype).
5. August 1, 1925, Whites Point (near San Pedro) (southern California); intertidal. Univ. Southern California coll., U.S.N.M. No. 21420.
6. July 25, 1926, Pescadero Point (central California); intertidal. U.S.N.M. No. 21431.
7. January 24, 1929, Carmel, Calif., intertidal.
8. March 30, 1929, Monterey Bay, 15 meters; trawled by Professor Skogsberg.
9. May 9, 1929, Monterey Bay, 700 meters; trawled by E. F. Ricketts. U.S.N.M. No. 21506.

Description.—Shape, encrusting to massive. Size, up to 5 cm thick, 10 mm in diameter. Consistency, firm, slightly compressible.

Color in life, brilliant scarlet; preserved, drab. Oscules, round, often with elevated, craterlike rims; diameter about 4 mm; distance apart 2 to 5 cm. Pores, abundant, minute, represented by the spaces between the distal ends of the ascending columns. Surface, superficially hispid.

Ectosomal specialization: There is an occasional patch of a very thin dermal membrane covering the larger spaces between the summits of the columns. Endosomal structure, characterized by conspicuous ascending tracts. Histological details: The flagellate chambers are subspherical and about 30μ to 40μ in diameter. Ascending fibers, 200μ to 350μ in diameter, nearly 1 mm apart.

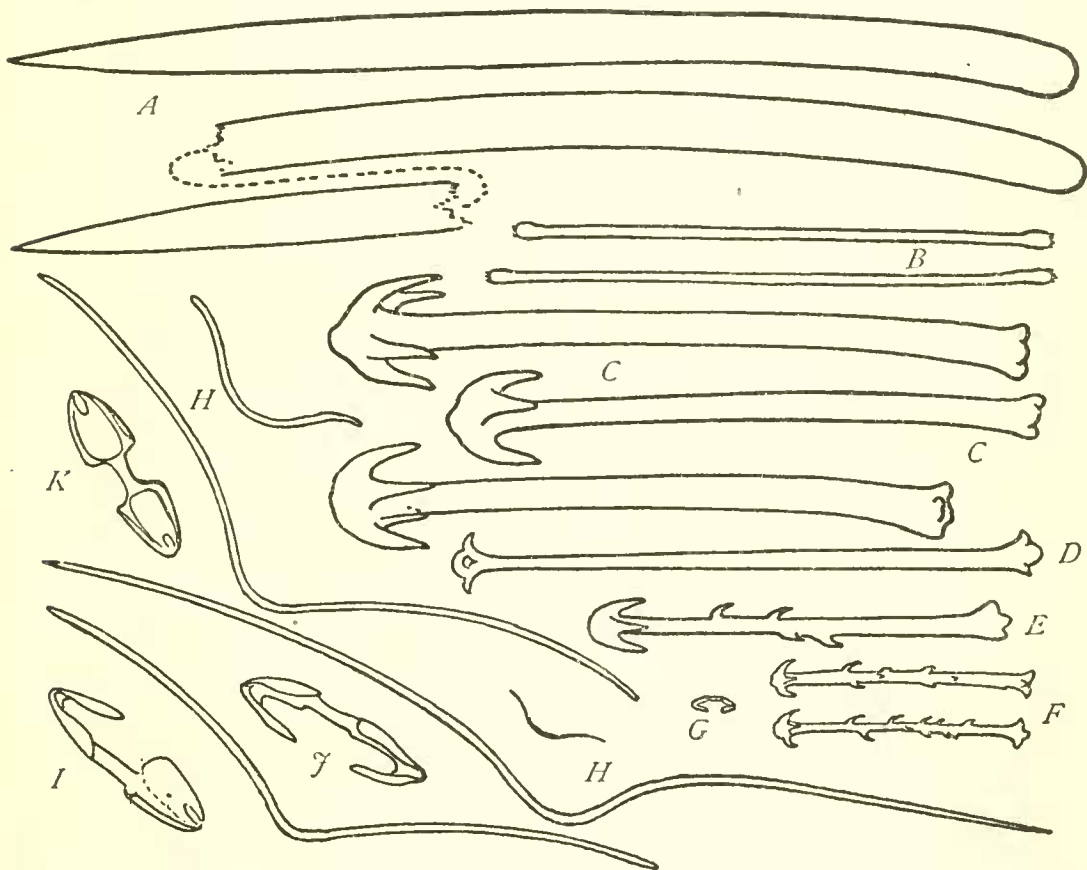


FIGURE 63.—*Acarnus erithacus* de Laubenfels: I-K, $\times 1,333$; others, $\times 300$. E, D, uncommon intermediates between C and F

Ectosomal spicules, tyloles with heads microspined (fig. 63, B); size, 3μ by 185μ to 4μ by 175μ . Interstitial spicules, cladotylotes (fig. 63, C); size, 11μ by 230μ , chords 35μ . Coring spicules, styles (fig. 63, A); size, 18μ by 345μ to 17μ by 425μ ; these are the most conspicuous spicular element. Echinating spicules, acanthocladotylotes (fig. 63, F); size, 3μ by 80μ , chords 11μ and larger. First microscleres, palmate isochelas (fig. 63, G, I-K); length, 14μ to 16μ . Second microscleres, toxas (fig. 63, H); length, 40μ to 340μ .

Remarks.—The most conspicuous spicules are the smooth styles, which are grouped, points toward the surface, in ascending plumose tracts held together by a small quantity of nearly invisible spongin.

The chelas are quite commonplace, of the *Microciona* sort, and very abundant. The toxas are also often abundant and exhibit a most amazing variation in size, at least 40μ to 340μ , with all sizes in between of approximately equal abundance.

The so-termed dermal tylotes are more properly secondary or tangential connections between the ascending columns near the surface of the sponge. Their terminal spines, often *just four* in number, are nearly 2μ long but so very fine that they can not be clearly seen without oil immersion. Deeper in the sponge their place seems to be taken by the cladotylotes, which are only fastened at one end, so that they are also quite properly to be termed echinating spicules. In this species they are remarkable for their tetrasymmetrical plan, so that they become hexactinal spicules, superficially resembling the clavules of the proper hexactinellid sponges. The embedded end (encased in spongin) shows four hemispherical protrusions matching the four clads at the other end. Besides the larger, smooth-shafted "palm trees" (fig. 63, *C*) there are small curve-spined "rose stems" (fig. 63, *F*). Intermediates in size, with but a few spines, occur (fig. 63, *E*), but are rare.

Heated cladotylotes when studied with oil immersion do not show connection between the axial canals of the clads and that of the rhabd. Those of *Acarinus ternatus* have usually three clads, and were used by Dendy and Ridley (1886, p. 157) as a chief argument for the theory that monaxons were closely related to the tetraxons, but in tetraxon spicules (such as anatriaenes) the clads have their axial canals connected to that of the rhabd. In *Acarinus* these spicules seem to have been first tylote, with the clads added later. This is completely homologous with the ends of the rays of hexactinellid discohexasters (see Lendenfeld, 1915, pl. 9) and the ends of hexactinellid amphidisks (see Kirkpatrick, 1910). There is further homology between the hexactinellid amphidisks and those of such monaxonid genera as *Iotrochota* and *Ephydatia*. Monaxonid chelas are merely amphidisks with the central shaft displaced laterally until it has coalesced with teeth with which it has made contact. Spicules very strongly suggestive of hexactinellid relationship are to be found in such diverse monaxonid genera as *Acarinus*, *Axos*, *Cliochoosa*, *Dolichantha*, *Endectyon*, *Proteleia*, *Hymenaphia*, and *Raspailia*. Undoubtedly many seemingly monaxonid sponges, such as the epipolasids, are really reduced tetraxonids, but the majority are rather closer to the hexactinellids. Separate orders are indicated from monaxons and triaxons, but Dendy's *Astrotetraxonida* and *Sigmatotetraxonida* imply relationships not borne out by the evidence.

Acarnus erithacus shows a variability that will be discussed with reference to the list given above of the nine specimens studied. These display the following range of variation:

All were brilliant scarlet in life, as far as known, except No. 9, from very deep water. It was drab in life.

All had very similar consistency except No. 3. This consisted of several handfuls of separate sponges, all rather soft and compressible.

No. 7 was crowded with brilliant-red embryos about 150μ to 350μ in diameter. The tissue around them was somewhat paler than normal so that they showed distinctly.

Nos. 1, 7, and 8 lack the "palm tree" sort of spicule entirely. This is of great importance as to possible bearing upon value of spiculation in taxonomy, and this species will bear careful study in the years to come. It may be noted that Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 9 were known to be collected during summer months, and all had the "palm trees." Nos. 3, 7, and 8 were known to be collected during winter months, and of them only No. 3 had this sort of spicule, and it came from a water temperature that is decidedly high for the coast of California; furthermore it very definitely is not in breeding condition, and No. 7 certainly was, and No. 8 possibly so. Can it be that the "palm trees" are lost in connection with the breeding season and that the temperature has some connection with the time of reproduction? Pending much further investigation this is but surmise.

The great similarity between No. 9, from the very considerable depth of 700 meters, and the other specimens, from intertidal or very shallow water, is quite interesting. Linearly, the point of collection was but about 10 kilometers from the localities for Nos. 4 and 8.

Family RASPAILIIDAE Hentschel

Genus HEMECTYON Topsent

HEMECTYON HYLE de Laubenfels

Hemectyon hyle DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21418; B.M. No. 29.9.30.4.

Type locality.—The one specimen was collected by the University of Southern California on February 16, 1924, at Point Fermin, near San Pedro, Calif.

Description.—Shape, frondose. Size, 28 mm high, 20 mm in diameter. Consistency, between spongy and cartilaginous. Color in alcohol, pale drab. Oscules and pores, not evident. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane about 75μ thick; it contains scattered dark cells or foreign bodies. Endosomal structure, divided sharply in two portions, an axial region and a peripheral

zone. The axial region consists of much protoplasmic structure with smooth styles in confusion, showing perhaps a trace of reticulation; they are held together by small quantities of spongin. The peripheral zone is about 400μ thick and is a dense forest of peculiar acanthostyles, points out. These, as characteristic of this genus, have the basal third curved and smooth, the spines very large and recurved. Since most of the lamellate fronds are less than 2 mm in thickness, the axial portion averages only about 700μ thick.

Ectosomal or echinating spicules, acanthostyles (fig. 64, *A*, *B*); size, 12μ by 180μ to 20μ by 320μ . Interstitial spicules, smooth, ends so regularly broken that it is not certain what sort they were (fig. 64, *E*); size, 10μ by at least 800μ , rare, probably several millimeters long

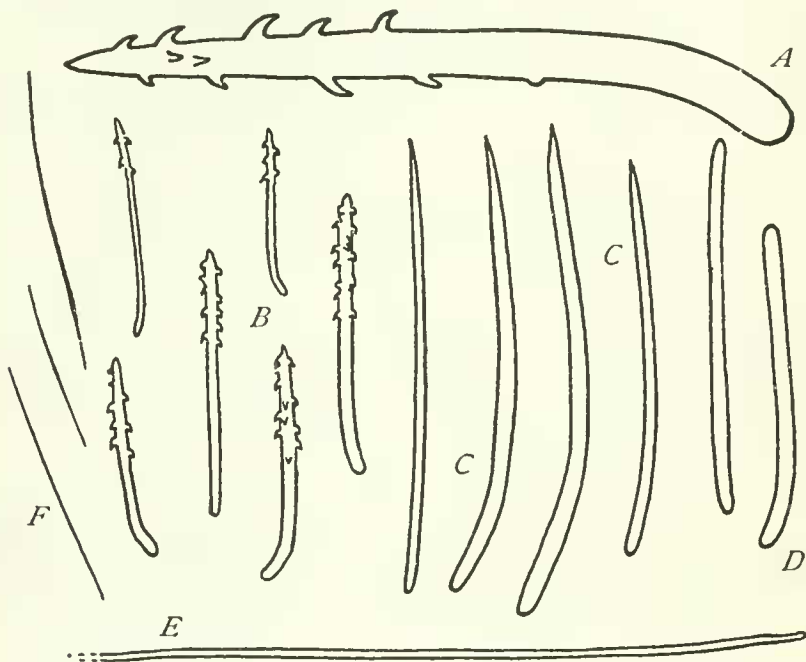


FIGURE 64.—*Hemectyon hyle* de Laubenfels: *A*, $\times 300$; others, $\times 100$. *E*, fraction of total length of spicule shown

when intact. Coring spicules, smooth styles (fig. 64, *C*); size, 15μ by 430μ to 20μ by 550μ ; also smooth strongyles (fig. 64, *D*); size, 16μ by 350μ to 19μ by 370μ . Microscleres, oxete raphides (fig. 64, *F*); size, 2μ by 200μ to 2μ by 330μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form is *Hemectyon hamata* Schmidt (1870, p. 62) from the West Indies. This, the only other member of the genus, was inaccurately described by Schmidt and put in the genus *Raspailia*. It is correctly redescribed by Topsent (1920, p. 26), who erected the genus *Hemectyon* for it. The species *hyle* clearly belongs in this genus, but it has many features of specific difference; *hamata* has a strongly reticulate axial region with much spongin. Its smooth styles are smaller, only 300μ to 350μ long. Its interstitial spicules are shorter than those of *hyle*, being only up to about 600μ . Its peripheral region had definite radiating fibers echinated by the acanthostyles; such fibers are lacking in *hyle*. Its

rhaphides were stylote, not oxeote as in *hyle*. The similarities are even more remarkable, however, especially the distinctive form of the acanthostyles and their peripheral localization, and the unusual axial core of styles in spongin.

Family ? (RASPAILIIDAE or EURYPONIDAE)

Genus CYAMON J. E. Gray

CYAMON NEON de Laubenfels

Cyamon neon DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21412; B. M. No. 29.9.30.5.

Type locality.—Between Point Dume and Newport (near San Pedro, Calif.), depth and date not stated.

Additional material examined.—Two specimens, like the holotype, collected by the University of Southern California, one (U.S.N.M. No. 21384) from south of San Pedro, depth 36 meters, September 24, 1924; the other from Point Fermin, near San Pedro, February 16, 1924.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size of largest specimen, 2 cm thick, 7 cm in diameter; the other two are much smaller. Consistency, spongy. Color in alcohol, dark brown. Oscules, not evident (see below under "Surface"). Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially a dermal membrane; this is fleshy, detachable, about 15μ thick and contains very abundant cells about 15μ diameter, having conspicuous very dark granules. There are no pores visible in it, it probably having contracted, thus obliterating them. Very few spicules are in it, and some of those, as for instance a few short (100μ) oxeas, are probably foreign. Endosomal structure, densely protoplasmic. In places there are spicules in confusion; again there are definite ascending fibers of spongin containing spicules as described below. Much rather coarse sand occurs throughout. Ascending fibers are 40μ to 50μ in diameter and about 150μ apart.

Interstitial spicules, styles (fig. 65, *D*); size, about 15μ by more than $1,700\mu$; these occur scattered in the flesh, usually with points perpendicular to the surface, and they project scatteringly from the surface of the sponge. Coring spicules (?), styles (fig. 65, *C*); size, about 35μ by 630μ ; these are to be regarded as coring spicules only upon surmise, as they are quite rare, and I am not sure of their exact location in the sponge, but it seems they are in the very center of the spicule bundles of the fibers. Echinating spicules, triacts or tetracts (fig. 65, *A, B*); size of rays, about 15μ by 60μ to 20μ by 120μ . These are usually triacts, with two rays smooth and lying lengthways in the fiber, the third ray distally microspined and projecting from the fiber to echinate it. The ends are sometimes

strongylote and sometimes oxeote. Tetracts show in boiled-out preparations but are not readily found in sections.

Remarks.—*Cyamon* and *Trikenrion* are in a little group by themselves, very distinct from other sponges. Practically all the species of *Cyamon* hitherto described have had their distinctive (polyactine) spicules entirely and finely spined, the other spicules styles. In contrast, *Trikenrion* has its polyactine spicules usually triacts and with only one ray spined, but that coarsely so and with diactines as accompanying spicules. *C. neon* is a very distinct type, answering the definition of *Cyamon* but being very different from any of the genus. On paper it reads a bit like *Trikenrion flabelliformis* Hentschel (1912, p. 377), from the East Indies, but the illustrations

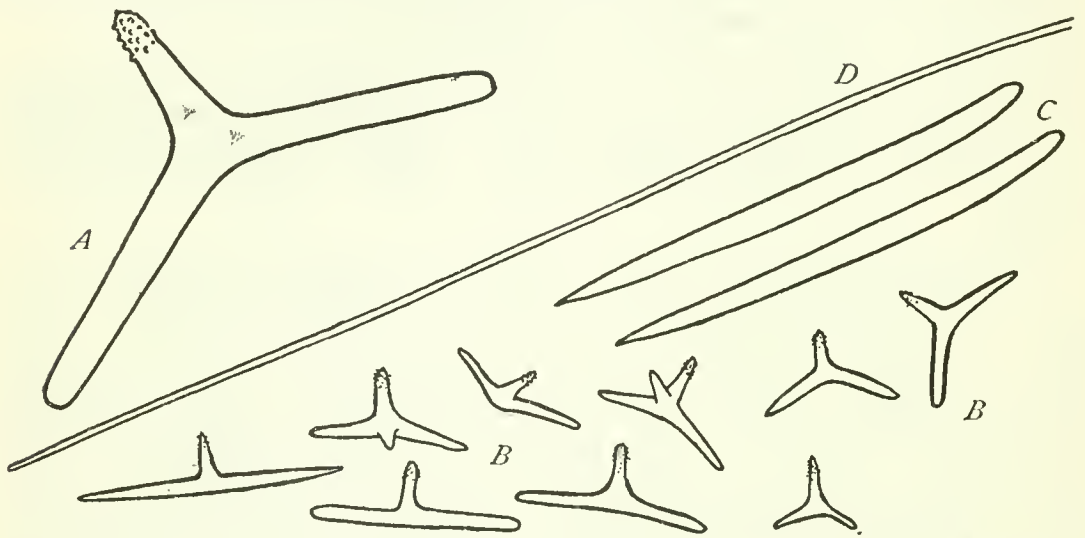


FIGURE 65.—*Cyamon neon* de Laubenfels: A, $\times 300$; others, $\times 80$. D, fraction of total length of spicule shown

show great differences. The comparison is mentioned only because *flabelliformis* shows us a species with both monacts and diacts, with the polyactines mostly triacts and only one ray spined; these are coarse spines, however, and there are numerous differences in spicule size, and general architecture of the sponge.

Order HAPLOSCLERINA Topsent

Family SPONGILLIDAE Gray

Genus SPONGILLA Lamarck

SPONGILLA LACUSTRIS (Linnaeus)

Spongia lacustris LINNAEUS, 1759, p. 1348.

Spongilla lacustris LAMARCK, 1815.

Material examined.—U.S.N.M. No. 21516; B.M. Nos. 29.10.31.1, 29.9.30.3. These bright green digitate fresh-water sponges were collected by Prof. W. K. Fisher, of Stanford University, at Lake Tahoe, elevation 2,040 meters, August, 1925.

Description.—No gemmules could be found in this material, but the smooth oxeote principal spicules, about 11μ by 330μ , and spiny microxeas, about 6μ by 65μ , as well as all other characteristics, are those of the cosmopolitan and abundant *Spongilla lacustris*.

Remarks.—Gemmules are absolutely necessary for certain identification of most fresh-water sponges, but the probabilities are very great that this is *lacustris*.

Genus EPHYDATIA Lamouroux

EPHYDATIA ROBUSTA (Potts)

Meyenia robusta POTTS, 1887, p. 225.

Ephydatia robusta WELTNER, 1895, p. 127.

Occurrence.—Potts (1887) recorded this species from Honey Lake Valley near Susanville, Calif., in northeastern California, at an elevation of about 1,400 meters. Annandale (1907, p. 24), recorded it from Bhim Tal, Kumaon, northern India, at an elevation of 1,350 meters. These seem to be the only records for this species.

Genus CARTERIUS Petr

CARTERIUS TUBISPERMA (Potts)

Carterella tubisperma POTTS, 1881, p. 150.

Carterius tubisperma SMITH, 1921, p. 15.

Occurrence.—Smith (1921, p. 15), recorded a specimen of this species as being in the United States National Museum with locality listed as Fresno, Calif. It was collected by Gustav Eisen and determined by Potts (U.S.N.M. No. 5979). This species is probably cosmopolitan, there being numerous records from localities scattered over the Eastern United States and Europe. It was originally described without name by Mills (1880, p. 132).

Family HALICLONIDAE[†]

Genus GELLIUS J. E. Gray

GELLIUS EDAPHUS de Laubenfels

Gellius edaphus DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21444; B.M. No. 29.8.22.17.

Type locality.—Pescadero Point, near Carmel, July, 1926; all my specimens have been removed from a mass at this point, readily identified as to location from year to year. There is every indication that it is the same sponge that remains there. Its placement is ecologically most interesting; it grows in a cavern at low tide, where sponges are extraordinarily abundant as covering the walls and ceilings; but it is the only one growing on the floor. It is just below low tide, hence never out of water. It is very unusual to find sponges

[†] For Haploscleridae Topsent. There is no sponge genus "*Haplosclera*."

growing on a rocky coast where they could be stepped on without turning a rock.

Additional material examined.—A sponge in the collection of the University of Southern California, from Point Fermin, near San Pedro, Calif., intertidal, April 19, 1924.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size: The mass in the field was about 20 cm thick and 30 or 40 cm in diameter. Consistency, friable, almost stony hard. Color in life and when preserved, almost white. Oscules, round; diameter, about 1 mm; distance apart, about 8 mm. Pores, abundant, about 150μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermal membrane; it is about 10μ thick, fleshy, not detachable, and contains some tangent spicules, but the special ectosomal reticulation so characteristic of this genus is not in evidence. Endosomal structure, densely packed with spicules in considerable confusion, with just an indication of basic isodictyal plan.

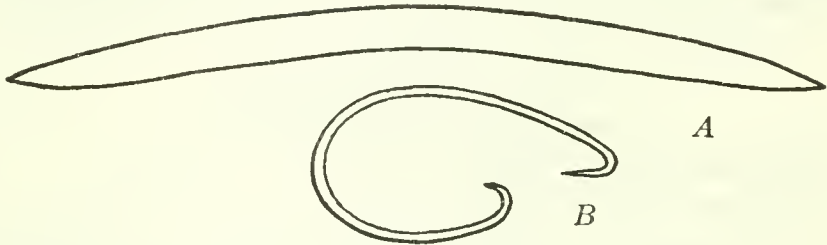


FIGURE 66.—*Gellius edaphus* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 66, A); size, 13μ by 260μ to 15μ by 270μ . Microscleres, sigmas (fig. 66, B); length, 30μ to 100μ .

Remarks.—The nearest relative of this form seems to be *Gellius centrangulatus* I. Sollas, 1902, from the East Indies, which differs in having very renierid structure and even smaller spicules. Most species of *Gellius* have much larger spicules than *edaphus*. *G. imperialis* Dendy, 1924, has spicules about the size of those of *edaphus* but has a very furrowed surface and structure with conspicuous tracts. Most species of *Gellius*, however, are separated by very narrow margins, and a reviewer with abundant material might be able to carry out extensive synonymy. This might even be regarded in common with perhaps a score of others as being within the range of variation of *Gellius flagellifer*.

GELLIUS TEXTAPATINA de Laubenfels

Gellius textapatina DE LAUBENFELS, 1926, p. 567.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21446; B.M. No. 28.11.6.5.

Type locality.—The one specimen was in the small collection of Stanford University, date of collection unknown, locality Monterey Bay, Calif.; estimated depth, 720 meters.

Description.—Shape, concavo-convex lamellate. Size, 1 cm thick, about 12 cm in diameter. Consistency, fragile. Color in alcohol, very pale drab. Oscules (on the concave side only), diameter 0.7 to 1.2 mm; distance apart, about 6 mm. There is a very thin (10μ ?) transparent membrane over the entire oscular surface, except for the openings of the oscules themselves, and it even closes them partially, in a sphinctrate manner. Pores, apparently only on the convex side. The above-mentioned dermis also covers the porous surface. The meshes of the skeleton are 0.7 to 1.1 mm in diameter, but the round apertures in the dermis, which may be considered the real pores, are but 100μ to 200μ . Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, an optically evident reticulation of large spicules; the polygonal meshes are 0.5 to 0.8 mm in diameter. This dermal skeleton is about 0.2 mm thick. Endosomal structure, in places a typical renierid isodictyal reticulation with spongin nodes, elsewhere confused and vague. Most of the microscleres are endo-

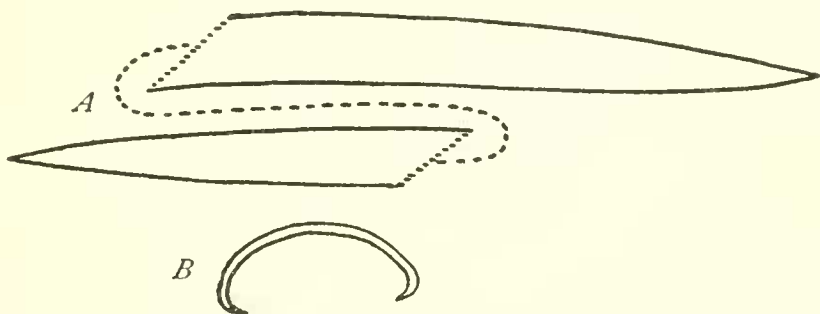


FIGURE 67.—*Gellius textapatina* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

somal. Histological details: There are spherical flagellate chambers of very great variation in size, namely, from about 30μ to 60μ in diameter. There are also fairly numerous embryos, about 350μ in diameter, grouped principally about the canals in the deeper portions of the endosome. A few of them have fairly numerous full-sized sigmas and minute straight rhabds in their peripheral region.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 67, A); size, 20μ by 340μ to 22μ by 460μ . Microscleres, sigmas (fig. 67, B); length, 50μ to 80μ .

Remarks.—The almost complete lack of microscleres in the ectosome is remarkable. Both megascleres and microscleres are large as compared to most species in the genus.

HALICHOCLONA, new genus

The genus may be briefly characterized by comparison. It has the endosome of *Haliclona* (isodictyal reticulation of oxeas) plus the ectosome of *Halichondria* (detachable, with a definite dermal skeleton of tangential spicules). It may also be described as *Gellius* without the sigmas. Genotype, *Halichoclona gellindra*, new species.

HALICHOCLONA GELLINDRA, new species

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 22063; B.M. No. 30.10.8.6.

Type locality.—The holotype was collected by me at Carmel, Calif., intertidal, on July 27, 1930.

Additional material studied.—At Laguna Beach, on March 14, 1926, I took a somewhat similar specimen with larger spicules, but in very poor condition for study, as it was growing over the macerated remains of a tetraxonid sponge of radiate structure. This specimen was designated *Gellius* (?) *epocheomaius* in de Laubenfels (1930, p. 28). It was so difficult to allocate, even generically, that it could scarcely be regarded as a synonym of *H. gellindra*, but it is not worth treating as a separate species because of its similarity to *gellindra*.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 2 to 4 mm thick, somewhat more than 4 cm² in area. Consistency, fragile. Color in life, pale lavender. Oscules, few and irregular in shape, about 1 mm in diameter, often with raised collars nearly 1 mm high. Pores, abundant, 30 μ to 50 μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.

Ectosomal specialization, a crust of tangentially placed oxeads, its thickness being only about 20 μ . It is much like the ectosome of the genus *Gellius*, and also like that of *Halichondria panicea*; it is possible to remove it in flakes with moderate ease. Endosomal structure, oxeads in very regular isodictyal reticulation, united (by spongin?) at their apices only. This is much like *Gellius* and *Haliclona*.



FIGURE 68.—*Halichoelona gellindra*, new species, $\times 300$

Principal spicules, oxeads (fig. 68); size, 3 μ by 110 μ to 4 μ by 120 μ , but the vast majority are very near to the latter size. The specimen from Laguna Beach had spicules 8 μ by 150 μ to 10 μ by 170 μ .

Remarks.—*Haliclona* is characterized by spicules of rather uniform size and by its reticulate endosome without trace of special tangential dermal skeleton.

Halichondria is characterized by its spiculation of most varied lengths and by its confused endosomal structure with very distinct tangential dermal skeleton.

Gellius has the same sort of isodictyal endosome as that of *Haliclona*, with the special ectosome resembling *Halichondria*, but has microscleres, namely, sigmas.

Halichoelona is compared to these three genera, but of the three, the most closely related in my judgment is *Gellius*. When I found the Laguna Beach specimen aforementioned, I considered it a *Gellius* that had lost its microscleres, it being in rather poor condition if not actually dead, before collection. It also might have been

altered by its growth within the surface of the macerated tetraxon sponge. The specimen from central California was alive and in excellent condition, however. All our local *Gellius* species have spicules very much larger than either of the specimens above referred to the new genus *Halichoclona*.

We may eventually merge all genera that are alike except for differences in microscleres, though there are practical reasons for depreciating such amalgamation. For the present there seems good reason for retaining this as distinct from *Gellius*.

XESTOSPONGIA, new genus

This genus is characterized by having only oxeas as spicules and these so abundant that any reticulate arrangement is obscured; there is no special dermal skeleton. Genotype, *Xestospongia diprosopia*.

XESTOSPONGIA DIPROSOPIA (de Laubenfels)

Haliclona diprosopia DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21509; B.M. No. 29.8.22.59.

Type locality.—The one specimen was collected in Monterey Bay, Calif., depth about 500 meters, by E. F. Ricketts.

Description.—Shape, lamellate. Size, 1 to 4 cm thick, 6 by 12 cm in area. Consistency, friable. Color dry, very pale drab. Oscules, on one side only; diameter, 3 mm; distance apart, 15 mm; over very shallow cloacas

that branch almost at once into about a dozen diverticules. Pores, at least 100μ in diameter; principally on the non-ocular face. Sur-

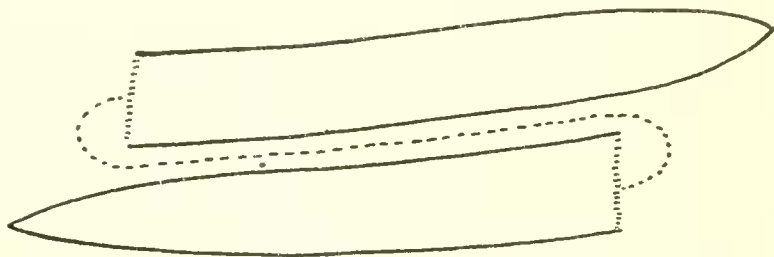


FIGURE 69.—*Xestospongia diprosopia* (de Laubenfels), $\times 300$

face, superficially smooth, with low rounded protuberances 5 to 15 mm high on the oscular surface.

Ectosomal specialization, lacking, although there is a false appearance as of a special ectosomal reticulation, because of the fact that the endosomal reticulation is finer above and coarser below. Endosomal structure, reticulate, with polygonal meshes about 0.5 to 0.7 mm in diameter, bounded by fascicular bundles of spicules. The spicule size is notably uniform.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 69); size, about 30μ by 400μ .

Remarks.—This specimen was collected from the same general locality as *Gellius textapatina* and *Poecillastia rickettsi* and is note-

worthy for external simulation of these two sponges. We must conclude that the remarkable structure is in a large part an ecological adaptation. This should not be interpreted that this is some common shallow-water sponge that has lightly assumed such shape because of its surroundings, but that this species has by selection or some other determiner come to have this structure. It is remarkable further in that it is the slightly convex side that is oscular; usually in concavo-convex sponges the reverse is true. This very unusual circumstance is also reported for *Xestospongia* (*Petrosia*) *coralloides* Dendy (1924, p. 325). It may be a generic tendency. *X. diprosopia* is remarkable for this character, which it shares with *coralloides*, and for the large size of its spicules, by which it may be distinguished from that species and most others.

XESTOSPONGIA VANILLA (de Laubenfels)

Haliclona vanilla DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21452; B.M. No. 29.8.22.45.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., July, 1925, collected by me. This is one of the most abundant sponges in central California, occurring usually on the under side of boulders in the lower half of the intertidal zone.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 1 cm thick, spreading laterally indefinitely. Consistency, stony hard. Color in life and when preserved, white or very pale yellowish drab. Oscules, round, often with raised rim, diameter 1 to 1.5 mm, distance apart about 1 cm. Pores, approximately 100μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.

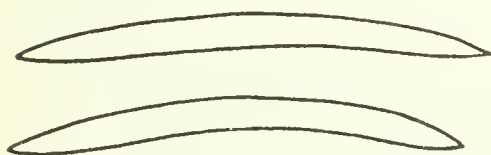


FIGURE 70.—*Xestospongia vanilla* (de Laubenfels), $\times 300$

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking. Endosomal structure, a reticulation of canals in a ground substance in which the spicules are so densely packed that no pattern can be discerned in their arrangement. The canals, however, are usually either perpendicular or parallel to the surface and often meet at right angles, so that they make a symmetrical pattern.

Principal spicules, xoeas (fig. 70); size, 11μ by 150μ to 12μ by 160μ .

Remarks.—*Petrosia* was erected by Vosmaer (1885, p. 338) for *Reniera dura* of Schmidt (1862, p. 76), to replace *Schmidtia* of Balsamo Crivelli; that name being preempted. He lists various forms and specifies stony consistency, spicules crowded together, xoeas, strongyles, and rarely styles. Ridley and Dendy (1887, p. 9), define *Petrosia* thus:

Sponge usually hard or even stony; generally with numerous, well-defined large oscula. Skeleton more or less confused; spicules xoeote to strongylote,

usually short and thick, packed close together in tracts. The most obvious feature of this genus is its hard, often stony texture.

It would seem that two distinct generic types are included in the sponges assigned to the above diagnosis. One group typically has large thick strongyles, plus large thick oxeads plus very small spicules apparently representing a distinct category, because they are found of considerable diameter although short. The spicules that seem clearly to be immature are nearly as long as, though much thinner than, the type they are approaching by their growth. The ectosome seems unknown for the genotype, but most of the species having the above characteristics, as for example *Petrosia lignosa* Wilson (1925, p. 403), have special dermal tangential skeletons. A second group lacks this ectosomal specialization and therefore may be taken as worthy of generic separation; a further parallelism seems to be that this group has only oxead spicules. I would suggest that the group exemplified by *Petrosia lignosa* and probably by the genotype, *P. dura*, is most closely related to *Gellius* and *Strongylophora* (and possibly even to *Halichondria* ?), while the second group is most closely related to *Haliclona*. The second group comprises several sponges described by Dendy, for example *Petrosia densissima* (1905, p. 145) and *coralloides* (1924, p. 324), and perhaps several other species, such as *P. variabilis* Ridley (1884, p. 415), *P. similis* Ridley and Dendy (1886, p. 327), and *P. fistulata* Kirkpatrick (1907, p. 290). Most of the earlier authors and some of the later ones fail to give adequate data concerning surface structure. The new generic name *Xestospongia* is proposed for this latter group.

Genus HALICLONA Grant

HALICLONA ECBASIS de Laubenfels

Haliclona ecbasis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21449; paratype, B.M. No. 29.8.22.48.

Type locality.—From the floating dock of the Yacht Club in San Diego Bay, Calif., collected by Prof. C. M. Child.

Additional material examined.—I have found the same species growing abundantly on the floating dock of the Yacht Club at Wilmington (near San Pedro). On March 4, 1926, I found small bits of an encrusting sponge, intertidal, at Laguna Beach, which may be of the same species.

Description.—Shape, ramose or digitate, often with an axial hollow about one-third the diameter of the branch. Size, up to 10 cm high, about 1 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy. Color in life: Prof. C. M. Child, writing of his specimen, collected during the summer, says: "The color in life is purple, apparently becoming brown later

in the season." My specimens doubtfully referred to this species (collected intertidally in March), were bluish lavender. My specimens clearly of this species, collected from a similar situation to that of the holotype but in April, were drab.

Oscules, few, apical, diameter 2 to 5 mm. Pores: There are openings over the entire surface very irregular in size and shape, varying at least from 60μ to 200μ in diameter. Surface, superficially hirsute, on account of projecting fiber ends nearly 1 mm high.

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking. Endosomal structure, a fibrous reticulation with polygonal meshes about 75μ in diameter. There is a groundwork of spicules in confusion amid the protoplasmic structures. Ascending fibers 10μ to 20μ in diameter, cored by 4 to 7 rows of spicules. Accessory or transverse fibers 10μ to 20μ in diameter, cored by 4 to 7 rows of spicules.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 71); size, usually about 5μ by 100μ ; a few much thinner ones are probably developmental stages.

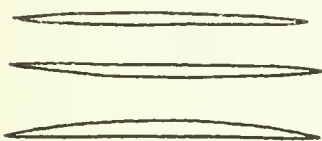


FIGURE 71.—*Haliclona ecbasis* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Remarks.—Linnaeus (1759) lists a *Spongia oculata* that may well be the same species as that which Bowerbank in 1862 (p. 1126) made the type of his genus *Chalina*, namely *C. oculata*. This is a very common British sponge.

Oddly enough Bowerbank accredited the genus to Grant, though I can find no mention of the name in Grant's writings. In 1841 (p. 5), however, Grant erected a genus *Haliclona* for a species that he called *occulata*, obviously a misspelling of *oculata*. His figure is an excellent representation of the common *oculata*. This seems to be the first generic name other than Linnaeus's all-inclusive *Spongia* to be applied to this species, and it appears to have been mere oversight on the part of the early spongologists that it has not been in use ever since. Grant's *Halina*, a *nomen nudum*, has little or no bearing here.

Against employment of *Haliclona* it may be argued that the original description could have included *Acervochalina limbata*, or even *Isodictya palmata*. It must be admitted that Grant would probably have diagnosed either of these as *Haliclona*. There is no doubt, however, that the well-known *oculata* was included, and there is grave question whether Grant had any specimens of the rarer species resembling it. Grant's genus *Cliona*, as he described it, might well have included *Thoosa*, yet we should hardly drop it for that reason. It seems quite as logical to employ *Haliclona* as to use *Cliona*.

As compared to the type of *oculata*, *ecbasis* averages more spicules to the fiber, and fiber less kinky. As compared to the type of *limbata* (made type species of the genus *Acervochalina* Ridley, 1884), *ecbasis* averages finer mesh, has less visible spongin, yet seems

tougher. Conditions of preservation may be the cause of this difference. As compared to the type of *simulans* (made type species of the genus *Adocia* Gray, 1867, p. 522), the fibers of *ecbasis* stand out more conspicuously from the other tissues, and it has smaller spicules. No comparison can be made to *Pachychalina* Schmidt (1868, p. 8), which is little more than a name; its type species, *P. rustica*, is represented by no specimens, and from its very brief description it may have belonged to any of many different genera.

As for the matter of few as contrasted to many rows of spicules in the fiber, while some species of *Haliclona* have definite tendencies one way or the other, the type species regularly exhibits, within a single specimen, portions that have the isodictyal reticulation characteristic of so-called *Reniera*, and portions of fiber having the many rows of spicules, which supposedly determine the group *Pachychalina*.

HALICLONA ENAMELA de Laubenfels

Haliclona enamelata DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21450; B.M. No. 29.8.22.8.

Type locality.—Laguna Beach, intertidal, collected by me. On numerous other occasions I have seen sponges in the field that I feel confident were of this species, but in most cases I have been unable to detach specimens without injuring them excessively. The species is very thin, grows on hard rocks of great irregularity of surface, and is so firmly attached that utmost care is required to obtain fragments large enough to work with.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 1 to 2 mm thick, spreading laterally indefinitely. Consistency, spongy. Color in life and when preserved, drab. Oscules, with raised collars, diameter 1 to 1.5 mm, distance apart about 1 cm. Pores, very minute. Surface, superficially smooth to verrucose.

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking. Endosomal structure, a fibrous reticulation, meshes rectangular and 75μ to 125μ in diameter; the plan is very symmetrical, though numerous spicules not in the fibers but strewn in confusion among them tend somewhat to obscure the regularity of arrangement. Ascending fibers, 15μ to 25μ in diameter, cored by 6 to 8 rows of spicules; the spongin is very pale. Accessory or transverse fibers, 5μ to 10μ in diameter, cored by 1 to 2 rows of spicules.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 72); size, about 4μ by 120μ

Remarks.—Were one to use the diagnoses affixed to the names *Reniera*, *Chalina*, and *Pachychalina*, placing this sponge would be difficult. Thin crusting was supposedly characteristic of *Reniera*,

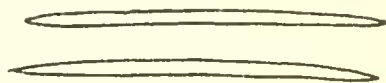


FIGURE 72.—*Haliclona enamelata* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

while the architecture of *enamela* is microscopically that of *Pachychalina* and *Chalina*, which were supposed to be usually ramose forms. Although moderately close to every one of the numerous species of *Haliclona*, I find no one species to single out as closest to *enamela*.

HALICLONA LUNISIMILIS de Laubenfels

Haliclona lunisimilis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21451; B.M. No. 29.8.22.34.

Type locality.—Pacific Grove, Calif., intertidal, July, 1925, collected by me.

Additional material examined.—Two specimens taken at Laguna Beach, October, 1925. The species is moderately common in central California. So far, all the specimens I have found were growing on and around coralline algae near low tide.

Description.—Shape, massive, subspherical, attached only to coralline algae. Size, up to 2 by 3 by 5 cm. Consistency, toughly spongy, yet easily damaged. Color in life and when preserved, very pale drab. Oscules, craterlike, with raised rims; diameter about 4 mm; distance apart, more than 1 cm. Pores, 20 μ to 60 μ in diameter. Surface, superficially smooth.



FIGURE 73.—*Haliclona lunisimilis* de Laubenfels, $\times 300$

Ectosomal specialization, vague or lacking. Endosomal structure; there is a groundwork that is a very fragile, typically renierid isodictyal reticulation. Throughout this there is a coarse reticulation of tough spongin fibers about 75 μ in diameter, crowded with many rows of spicules in typical pachychaline fashion. This species admirably shows the impossibility of separating genera upon these characteristics, which are, however, of supplementary value in species descriptions. This particular species may be characterized as one fitting the diagnoses of the old genus *Reniera* and the so-called *Pachychalina*.

Ascending fibers 70 μ to 100 μ in diameter, cored by many rows of spicules. Accessory or transverse fibers 70 μ to 100 μ in diameter, cored by many rows of spicules.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 73); size, 8 μ by 110 μ to 10 μ by 125 μ .

Remarks.—This seems a well-marked species, though numerous sponges described as *Reniera* and as *Pachychalina* resemble it more or less. See notes given above in the description of the endosome.

HALICLONA CINEREA (Grant)

Spongia cinerea GRANT, 1827, p. 204.

Halichondria cinerea FLEMING, 1828, p. 521.

Isodictya cinerea BOWERBANK, 1866, p. 274.

Reniera cinerea SCHMIDT, 1870, p. 77.

Holotype.—Probably in the British Museum of Natural History.

Type locality.—Europe.

Material examined.—This species is at times abundant intertidally in central California; at other times rare. In the summer of 1925 it was most conspicuous, a year later it was rare, in the winter of 1929 a few specimens were seen, late in the spring none could be found. In southern California, at Laguna Beach, on March 14, 1926, I found a few little nubbins of a sponge agreeing in spiculation and structure with *cinerea* and probably of the same species, but brownish instead of the lavender color usually so regular on this coast.

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21448; B.M. Nos. 28.11.6.1; 28.11.6.2).—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 3 cm thick, 6 cm in diameter. Consistency, softly fragile. Color in life, lavender; occasional drab specimens are probably pathological. Preserved, drab. Oscules, conspicuous, with raised, craterlike rims; diameter, 2 to 5 mm; distance apart, usually a little more than 1 cm; see notes under "Surface." Surface, superficially very porous, crowded with depressions about 200μ in diameter; all or many of these probably represent actual pores.

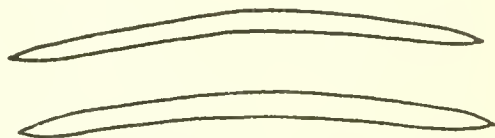


FIGURE 74.—*Haliclona cinera* (Grant),
× 300

Ectosomal specialization, inconspicuous; there are traces of a diaphanous, fleshy, nondetachable dermal membrane. Endosomal structure, a pronounced isodictyal reticulation with a few vague spicular tracts.

Principal spicules, oxeas (fig. 74); size, 6μ by 150μ to 8μ by 150μ .

Remarks.—In almost all parts of the world where sponges have been studied are found species that lack characteristics that would separate them from *cinerea*, so this is said to be a cosmopolitan species.

Order DICTYOCERATINA Minchin

Family SPONGIIDAE Gray

Genus SPONGIA ? ? ?

SPONGIA IDIA, new species

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 22059; B.M. 30.10.8.2.

Type locality.—The specimen was collected by me intertidally at Point Lobos, south of Carmel, Calif., July 12, 1930. It was growing in a cave that was uncovered only at very low tide, and that was abundantly lined with sponges.

Description.—Shape, massive. Size, 4 by 7 by 12 cm. Consistency, spongy. Color in life, slaty ectosome over drab ectosome. As collected the sponge appeared lipstomous on account of the closure of apertures, and even in the aquarium the sphincters did not relax. It would seem that both pores and oscules must be less than 100μ when open. Surface, profusely conulose, the conules less than 1 mm

high and about 1 mm apart, apex to apex.

Ectosomal specialization, an organic dermis not readily detachable, opaque and melanistic; this from 300μ to 700μ thick. Endosomal structure, a flesh packed with spheroidal flagellate chambers about 25μ to 30μ in diameter, and also containing rather numerous evenly distributed foreign spicules and fragments of spicules, a little sand, and other debris. The skeleton is a reticulation chiefly of solid secondary fibers 60μ to 200μ in diameter. The spongin is rather granular-surfaced and medium dark

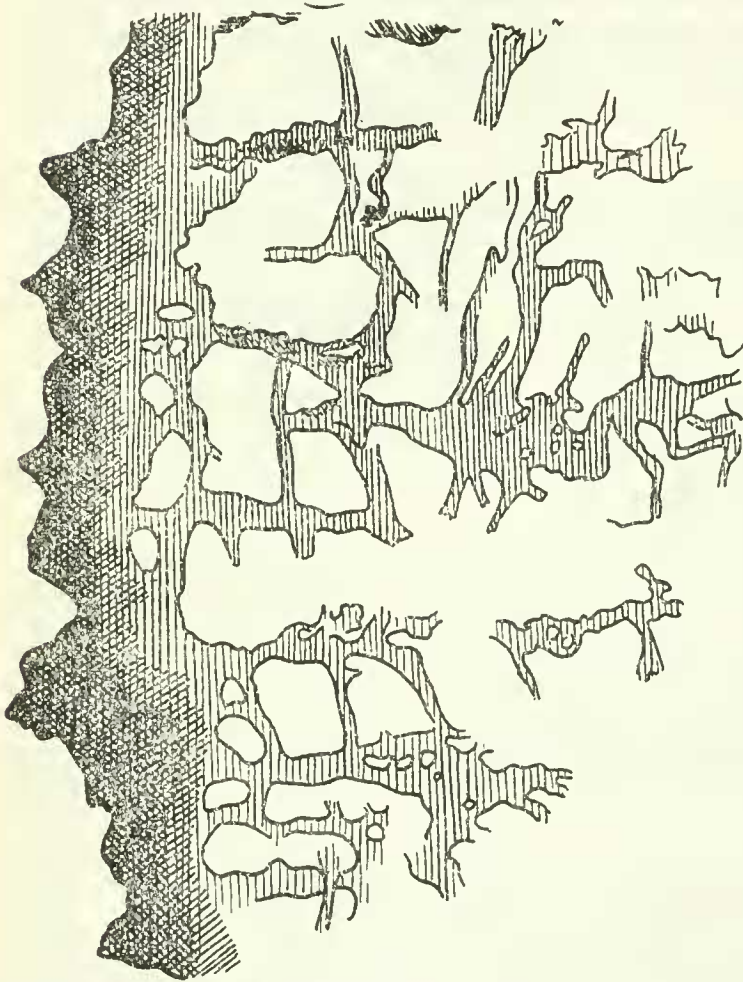


FIGURE 75.—*Spongia idia*, new species, $\times 18$, drawn from a section taken perpendicular to the surface. Only the fiber and dermis are drawn, the flesh and foreign intrusions being omitted because their inclusion would obscure the structures to be illustrated

brown, very like that in the commercial sponges. The fibers are often contorted, but the meshes are usually rectangular, about 200μ to 500μ in diameter. Here and there through the reticulation are principal fibers ascending perpendicularly to the surface. These are recognizable by having slight, scattered content of coring spicule fragments, but more so by somewhat fasciculated or fenestrated architecture.

Remarks.—With some hesitation this species is here described in the genus *Spongia*, from typical members of which it differs sharply by having semifasciculated principal fibers. It agrees closely with *Spongia* in most or all other points, and this genus may well be employed pending revision of the horny sponges.

Family DYSIDEIDAE⁸

Genus DYSIDEA Johnston

DYSIDEA AMBLIA de Laubenfels

Duseideia amblia DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21424; B.M. No. 29.9.30.8.

Type locality.—"Long Wharf," Santa Monica, collected by the University of Southern California, July 18, 1914.

Additional material examined.—On February 25, 1926, following a severe storm, I found enormous quantities of this species cast up at Venice, southern California. This is only about 8 or 10 kilometers from the type locality. On the following day immense quantities of it were reported, with specimens brought me for identification, from near Ventura, about 90 kilometers from the type locality. I found no other species of sponge in the wreck with this one, but it must have been tremendously abundant, as bushels could have been collected. In all the dredging and other collecting of the University of Southern California, however, they seem to have taken but one fresh specimen. In July, 1930, I collected a massive specimen, intertidally, at Point Lobos, south of Carmel, Calif. It is certainly a *Dysidea* and probably conspecific with the southern specimens, though differing in shape and having all its fibers more loaded with coarse sand grains.

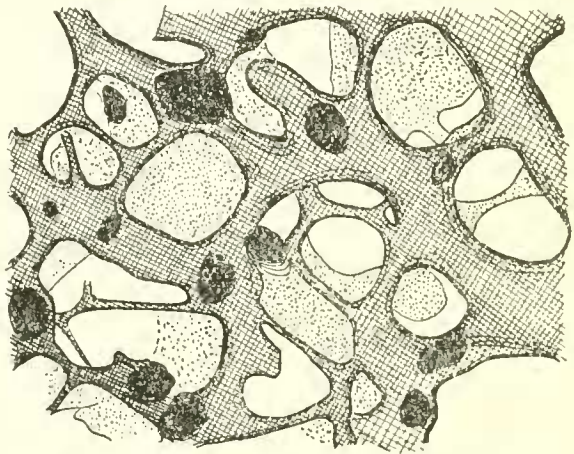


FIGURE 76.—*Dysidea amblia* de Laubenfels, $\times 40$, a characteristic bit of the structure of this species

Description.—Shape, digitate, somewhat ramose. Size, up to 20 or 30 cm in height, about 1 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy. Color in alcohol, drab. Oscules, inconspicuous, barely 100μ in diameter. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially conulose with conules usually less than 1 mm high and less than 1 mm apart.

Ectosomal specialization, a very thin dermis, not detachable. Endosomal structure, a fibrous reticulation with meshes about 250μ in diameter. Principal, or ascending, fibers 100μ to 200μ in diameter, cored, sometimes superabundantly, by scattered sand grains often more than 100μ in diameter. Accessory or transverse fibers 10μ to 25μ in diameter, often uncommon, usually free from inclusions. The flagellate chambers are conspicuous, crowded together, and about 45μ to 55μ in diameter.

⁸ For Spongeliidae Lendenfeld, because *Dysidea* supplants *Spongelia*.

Remarks.—This genus has often been called *Spongelia*, but *Spongelia* of Nardo, 1834, is a *nomen nudum*. It is first described by Johnston (1842, p. 185) as *Duseideia* or (preferably) *Dysidea*. The genus falls rather sharply into two divisions, fine-surfaced grays and coarse-surfaced purples. The first includes the genotype, *D. fragilis* Montagu. The second includes *pallescens* Schmidt, the genotype of *Spongelia* according to Vosmaer (1885, p. 363), and this might be retained as a separate genus, though the affinities are so close this seems to me inadvisable. Our Californian form is very close to *fragilis*, but differs in rather smaller fiber, which is also more sparsely cored, and by the frequency with which the principal fibers are horizontal as well as vertical.

Family VERONGIIDAE⁹

Genus VERONGIA Bowerbank

VERONGIA THIONA de Laubenfels

Verongia thiona DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 28.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21500; B.M. No. 29.8.22.31.

Type locality.—Laguna Beach, Calif., intertidal, March 14, 1926, abundant.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, up to 4 cm thick, 12 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy. Color in life, lemon yellow with greenish tints; in alcohol very dark purple. Oscules, few and scattered; diameter 2 to 7 mm. Pores, not evident, evidently very contractile. Surface, superficially smooth with conules 0.5 mm high, irregularly scattered.

Ectosomal specialization, a cellular dermis about 7μ thick. Endosomal structure, as typical for this genus, of the general consistency of a rather stiff jelly, permeated by meandering canals (about 1 mm in diameter) and by rather scattered fibers in reticulation. These fibers are clear yellow, with a core often apparently empty, again filled with opaque substance. In this species the thickness of the peripheral portion seems much more constant than the size of the pith, which is larger in the larger fibers, smaller in the smaller. The mesh is so very irregular in outline that it is very difficult to assign it measurements, but one is safe in saying that the mesh size averages more than 1 mm.

Histological details: The flagellate chambers are spheroidal, 25μ in diameter. Principal fibers 80μ to 150μ in diameter, cored by the usual pith as found in this genus. Pith of the fibers, 50μ to 110μ in diameter. (Fig. 77.)

⁹ For Aplysinidae Schulze, because *Verongia* supplants *Aplysina*

Remarks.—All or nearly all the species of *Verongia* are very near the genotype, *V. fistularis* Lamarck, 1815, and can only be separated by little differences that may well be insignificant. If the accepted criteria be used, however, this form approaches in size of mesh, size of fiber, and size of pith only one other species of this genus, that described as *Aplysina procumbens* Lendenfeld (1889, p. 416), from New Zealand. That is also an encrusting form, but it is described with black fibers, a very great difference. Incidentally, it is very briefly and inadequately described.

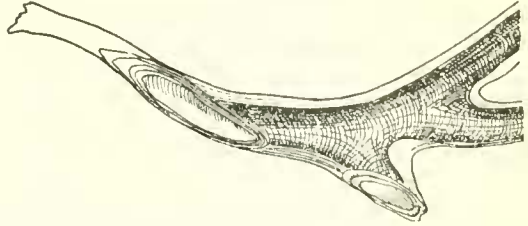


FIGURE 77.—*Verongia thiona* de Laubenfels, $\times 40$; typical fiber cut obliquely at one point to show the lamellate, pithed structure

Verongia thiona is moderately common, at times at least, in the intertidal areas of southern California. I know of no other local form from which it may not easily be distinguished by its tendency (very common in this genus) to change from yellow to very dark blue or purple upon drying.

Order DENDROCERATINA Minchin

Family DARWINELLIDAE Merejkowsky

Genus APLYSILLA F. E. Schulze

APLYSILLA GLACIALIS (Dybowski)

Simplicella glacialis DYBOWSKI, 1880, p. 65.

Aplysilla glacialis LENDENFELD, 1889, p. 706.

Holotype.—Location unknown.

Type locality.—Arctic (White Sea).

Material examined.—Numerous specimens, all collected intertidally at Pacific Grove, Calif., in which vicinity the species is rather common. It occurs on granite boulders fairly high up in the intertidal zone, seeming to be a very hardy sponge.

Description (U.S.N.M. No. 21432; B.M. No. 29.8.22.23).—Shape, encrusting. Size, 1 to 2 mm thick, 5 to 6 cm in diameter. Consistency, weakly spongy. Color in life, colorless to rosy red; in alcohol, drab. Oscules, round and scattered; about 1 mm in diameter. Pores, not evident. Surface, superficially glabrous, with conules about 1 to 2 mm high and 2 to 3 mm apart.

Ectosomal specialization, a dermis about 8μ thick, fleshy, and rather slimy. Endosomal structure, a rather dense mass of flagellate chambers and other protoplasmic structures permeated by canals and dendritic fibers. Histological details: The flagellate chambers

are eurypyllous, often polygonal in section, and typically about 30μ by 50μ by 70μ in size. Principal fibers, 80μ to 255μ in diameter, obviously of concentric layers. A pith often occupies as much as 80 per cent of the total, especially near the base of the sponge. These fibers arise from a basal plate (very thin) and branch a few times, but I find no anastomoses. The distal ends of the fibers cause the conules. (Fig. 78.)

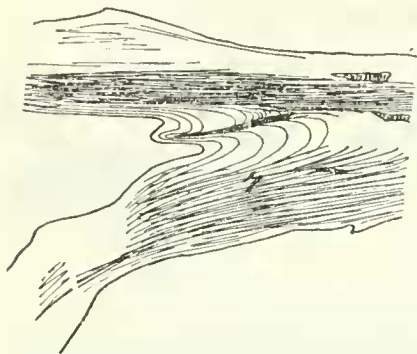


FIGURE 78.—*Aplysilla glacialis* (Dybowksi): Fiber, $\times 40$

Remarks.—It is quite remarkable that the Californian specimens agree so closely with the original specimen from north of Europe, and with Lenden-

feld's description of what he records as the same species from Australia.

APLYSILLA POLYRAPHIS de Laubenfels

Aplysilla polyraphis DE LAUBENFELS, 1930, p. 29.

Holotype.—U.S.N.M. No. 21434; B.M. No. 29.8.22.41.

Type locality.—The one specimen, or group of specimens, is from my personal collection, taken at Pacific Grove, Calif., July, 1925.

Description.—Shape, encrusting. Size, 5 mm thick, 3 cm in diameter. Consistency, spongy. Color in life and when preserved, purple. In collecting this sponge, it was necessary to detach its rather thin encrustation from the rock under water. Upon doing this, such copious quantities of deep purple coloring material were emitted that the entire tide pool, about a meter in diameter, was rendered purple. The sponge was put in a bucket of sea water to be taken to the laboratory, and this was also colored purple. The first jar of alcohol in which it was placed was colored so deeply as to become opaque, but the alcohol was changed twice, and the third filling remains uncolored, though the sponge appears as dark as ever.

Oscules, not evident as distinct from the pores (which see). Pores, skeletal, 120μ to 300μ ; protoplasmic, probably up to 200μ when fully open, but closed or nearly closed in my specimen. Surface, superficially smooth, with scattered conules 1 mm high.

Ectosomal specialization, a fibrous reticulation in one plane, with meshes having openings 120μ to 300μ in diameter. The fibers are about 80μ to 180μ in diameter and are densely packed with foreign spicules; these are presumably united by spongin, but remain united during only very slight maceration, more vigorous maceration separating them easily. Endosomal structure, a minimum of protoplasm with relatively enormous quantities of foreign spicules, the

mass permeated by dendritic fibers, and all set on a tough basal plate of spongin. Ascending fibers, 80μ to 200μ in diameter, without foreign inclusions, with lamellate structure, and terminating above in the conules. (Fig. 79.)

Remarks.—Because of the enormous quantities of siliceous matter present (mostly foreign spicules) and because of the extreme opacity of the cells (they are packed with purple granules that are almost black), the difficulties in studying this sponge were excessively great. Recourse was had to hydrofluoric acid as a solvent for the siliceous matter, but the resulting material was badly shriveled and distorted, so that the method helped very little. By dint of making many sections some data can be given, however. There is a basal plate of spongin from which dendritic processes rise. These are typically about 130μ in diameter near the base, and about 0.8 to 2.7 mm high, with occasional branching but no anastomosing. The spongin is now dark, perhaps stained by coloring matter dissolved into the alcohol from the cells. Near the base these fibers are rather obviously cored with pith, but their structure is in general that of several concentrically placed cones, a hollow within the inner, smallest ones. This organization of fiber is quite typical of the genus *Aplysilla*.

All through the flesh are enormous quantities of spicules. It would seem that every species in the vicinity was represented. There is but cramped space left for the protoplasmic structure. As the spicules are placed to avoid closing the dermal pores there is at the surface that which resembles a reticulation of foreign spicules, densely packed. From the ease with which these are macerated apart, I judge they are not held together by spongin. I find no foreign inclusions in the fibers themselves.

Very careful search was made for the flagellate chambers. I believe that in this sponge, on account of the small size of the interstices between spicules, the flagellate cells are poorly organized into chambers. I find a few that seem to be eurypyllous, about 30μ wide by 100μ long. Others in this section are round, and about 30μ in diameter. These may be cross sections of the eurypyllous ones.

On all counts, the closest species to *polyraphis* is *violacea* Lendenfeld (1883, p. 237), from Australia. It had sand grains in its basal plate of spongin, which I think is probably true of *polyraphis*. From it and all others of the genus, however, the California sponge is very widely separated by its profusion of foreign spicules.

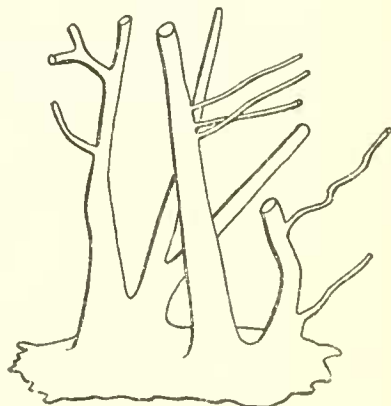


FIGURE 79.—*Aplysilla polyraphis* de Laubenfels, $\times 50$; section of macerated skeleton; free-hand drawing

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